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- The second district of the counties of Suffolk, Kings, Queens Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, Albany, selaer, Essex, Washington, and Warren.
- The third district of the counties of Delaware, Schoharie, Schenectady, Saratoga, Otsego, Montgomery, Fulton, Hamilton, Clinton, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Herkimer, Broome, Chenango, Madison, Oncida, Lewis, Jefferson, Oswego, Onondaga, and

The fourth district of the counties of Tioga, Tompkins, Cayuga, Wayne, Seneca, Schuyler, Chemung, Ontario, Yates, Steuben, Allegany, Livingston, Monroe, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming,

Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Niagara.

4. At the first general election after the adoption of this constitution every Senate district shall elect eight senators, and so oon as the Senate shall meet they shall cause the senators to be divided into four classes, of eight in each, so that every district shall have two of every class; the classes to be numbered one, two, three, and four. The seats of the first class shall be vacated at the end of the first political year; of the second class at the end of the second year; of the third class at the end of the third ear; of the fourth class at the end of the fourth year. There after every Senate district shall elect annually two senators

5. An enumeration of the inhabitants of this State shall be made in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and every ten years thereafter; after every enumeration the said districts shall be so altered by law that each may contain, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, and shall not be lltered at any other times; the districts must always be made up of neighboring counties and of entire counties.

6. No person shall be elected to the Senate unless at the time of his election he shall have attained the age of thirty-five years.

7. Members of Assembly shall be elected annually, and their term of service shall be one year. Every elector may vote, at the election, for one member of Assembly. Every qualified elector who shall receive at a general election two thousand five hundred votes for the office shall be a member of the Assembly for the po-

litical year then next ensuing.

8. The members of the Legislature shall receive a compensation for their services to be ascertained by law; the allowance to senaors shall be by the year, and the allowance to members of A bly by the day of service. The allowance to senators shall not be less than three thousand dollars a year, and the allowance to nembers of Assembly not less than ten dollars a day.

9. A majority shall constitute a quorum in each he smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the at tendance of members. Each house shall determine its own rules of proceeding, and be judge of the elections and qualifications of its own members. Each house may punish its members for disorderly behavior in the house while in session; but neither house shall have power to expel a member. Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings. Neither house shall adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other. At the desire of one-fifth of those present, the yeas and nays on any question in either house shall be entered on the journal.

10. Each house shall choose its own officers; and the senate on the first day of every session shall choose a temporary president, who shall preside whenever the lieutenant-governor be

11. All bills shall originate in the Assembly; and all bills may ended in the Senate.

12. No person being a member of Congress or holding any office, civil or military, under the United States, shall be eligible to either house. If any member of either house shall, during his term of service, be elected to Congress, or elected or appointed to any office, civil or military, under the United States, his acceptance thereof shall vacate his seat. Nor shall any member of either house be appointed to civil office by the governor during such member shall have been elected.

13. Every bill which shall have passed both houses shall be resented to the governor for approval; if he approve, he shall sign it and it shall become a law; if he do not approve, he shall return it to the Assembly with his objections. If two-thirds of all the members elected shall, upon reconsideration, again pass the bill, it shall be sent, with the objections, to the Senate, and if two-thirds of all the members of the Senate shall likewise agree to pass it, the same shall become a law. In such instances, the s and nays shall be entered on the journals in both houses. any bill shall not be returned by the governor within fourteen days after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law, provided the Legislature be still in session. No bill shall become a law after the Legislature has adjourned, unless signed by the governor within one month after the adjournment.

14. The Assembly shall have power, by a vote of a majority of

all the members elected, to impeach all civil officers. The court for the trial of impeachments shall be the Senate. Before trial all the members shall be sworn to determine the matter un The sentence of the court shall not go beyond ren rom office. When the governor or acting governor shall be under trial, the chief-justice of the Court of Appeals shall pre-ide. It shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate to convict.

ARTICLE II.

1. The executive power shall be vested in a governor, who shall his office for two years. During his term of office he shall hold no office, civil or military, under the United States. A lieutenant-governor shall be chosen at the same time with the governor, and shall hold office for the same term.

2. No person shall be chosen governor or lieutenant-governor unless he shall be a citizen of the United States, shall have attained the age of thirty-five years, and shall have been a resident of this State for five ye

f this State for five years next preceding his election.

3. The governor and heutenant-governor shall be chosen at a general election by the qualified electors of the whole State. persons having the highest number of votes shall be elected; but in case two or more shall have an equal and the highest number of votes for governor or for lieutenant-governor, the two houses of the Legislature at its next session shall by joint ballot forthwith choose one of the persons so having an equal number of votes for governor or lieutenant-governor, or both, as the case may be.

lieutenant-governor or other officer acts as governor he shall receive the rate of compensation assigned to the governor.

5. In case of the governor's removal from office, absence from the State, death or resignation, the office shall devolve upon the eutenant-governor for the residue of the term or until he returns within the State. But when the governor is out of the State at the head of a military force thereof, in time of war, he shall continue commander-in-chief of all the military forces of the State.

The lieutenant-governor shall preside in the Senate, and shall have a casting vote therein.

7. If during a vacancy in the office of governor there shall be no lieutenant-governor, or the lieutenant-governor shall be removed from office, be absent from the State, die or resign, the temporary president of the Senate shall take the office of govern for the term, or during disability of the other, as the case may be

8. The governor shall be general and commander-in-chief of all the naval and military forces of the State. He shall have power to convene the Legislature (or the Senate only) in extra session. He shall communicate by message to the Legislature annually the condition of the State. He shall transact all public business with the officers of government, civil and military. He shall take care that the laws are faithfully executed.

9. The governor shall have power to grant pardons or reprieves after conviction, for all offences, except in case of impeachment. He shall submit to the Legislature at its regular session a list of all pardons granted during the preceding year, with a statement of the crime and sentence in each case, and of how far the sentence had been executed.

ARTICLE III.

1. The judicial power is vested in a Court of Appeals, which is the court of last resort; a Supreme Court, having general jurisdiction in law and equity; Courts of Common Plea gates; and justices of the peace.

 The Court of Appeals shall consist of seventeen judges.
 The State is divided into four judicial districts, which shall consist always of the same territory as the senatorial districts. There shall be not less than eight justices of the Supreme Court in each district, and so many more in districts the business of which may need more as the Legislature may by law direct, but not more than one to every sixty thousand of population. Legislature shall also provide by law for the temporary transfer of justices from one district to another, whenever the pressure of siness may require it.

4. The judges of the Court of Appeals shall designate every year five of their number to preside at the general terms of the Supreme Court for that year in the several districts, one each for the second, third, and fourth districts, and two for the first district The judges so designated shall, in conjunction with two of the jus tices of the Supreme Court (to be in like manner designated for the year by the justices of the Supreme Court of the district), h the general terms. In the first district four justices shall be designated, so that general terms may, by alternation of courts of three judges, of whom a judge of the Court of Appeals shall always be one, be held more frequently. The judges of the Court of Appeals and the justices of the Supreme Court of each district shall, whenever the occasion arises, designate other members of their respective courts to take the place of those previously designated, if the latter are for any reason unable to attend.

5. No appeal shall lie from the general term to the Court of

Appeals when the decision of the general term is a unanimous one, except in cases where a question of the conflict of a law or of any act or proceeding by official persons with the constitution of this State or of the United States is involved, and in cases where the life or death of an accused person is involved.

6. The judges of the Court of Appeals designated to preside at

general term shall, during the year for which they are designated, take no part in the hearing and determination of cases in the Court of Appeals.

7. Five judges of the Court of Appeals shall be a quorum to hear and determine all cases except those wherein questions of constitutional law are involved, or in which the life or death of an accused person is involved: in the last two classes of cases not an ten shall be a quorum

8. No judge shall take part in the hearing and determining of n appeal from a decision of his own.

9. There shall be a Court of Common Pleas in and for every

county and every city, having the power and jurisdiction of the present county courts, and such other powers and jurisdiction, civil and criminal (inferior to that of the Supreme Court), as the Legislature shall by law confer upon them. The jurisdiction of the Courts of Common Pleas shall be uniform in all cities and counties. The Legislature may provide by law for more than one judge of Common Pleas in cities having more than sixty thouand population.

10. There shall be a county, except that the Legislature may provide that one surrogate shall discharge the duties of the office for two or more adjoining counties, or for a city and two or more adjoining counties, when the aggregate population does not exceed one hundred thousand. In cities having a population greater than five hundred thousand

the Legislature may provide for additional surrogates.

11. There shall be four justices of the peace in every town, and so many more in cities as the Legislature may by law direct. Their jurisdiction and powers shall be such as now pertain to justices of the peace, and such as may hereafter be by law conferred upon them. Their jurisdiction and powers shall be uniform in counties and cities, but the Legislature may by law provide that in cities some may be exclusively assigned to criminal business and others exclusively to civil business. Justices of the peace may continue to be part of the town governments, but in cities their duties shall be exclusively judicial.

4. The governor and lieutenant-governor shall each receive a compensation to be fixed by law, which shall not be increased or diminished during their term of office; provided that when the

the members of both houses of the Legislature, with the approval of the governor: in such case half their previous salary shall con ne to be paid to them during life. The term of office of justices of the peace shall be five years.

13. Judges of the Court of Appeals and justices of the Su-preme Court shall be elected; the former by a vote of the whole State, the latter by a vote of the district in which the vacancy Judges of the Common Pleas and surrogates shall be ap pointed by the governor, by and with the consent of the Senate; justices of the peace shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the cons nt of the Board of Supervisors of the county or city for which they are appointed.

14. The clerk of the Court of Appeals shall be appointed by the judges thereof; a clerk of the Supreme Court for every district shall be appointed by the justices of the court of that district, and such clerk shall be clerk of the general term; the judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and surrogates shall apoint the clerks of their respective courts.

15. No judicial officer, except justices of the peace, shall re

ceive to his own use any fees or perquisites.

16. No judicial officer shall hold any other office or public trust, and all votes given for any judicial officer for an elective office other than judicial shall be void.

17. The Legislature shall have the same power to regulate the jurisdiction and proceedings in law and equity as they have here

tofore possessed.

18. Judicial officers, other than justices of the peace, shall re ceive a compensation at stated times for their services, such as shall be established by law, which shall not be diminished during their term of office : but nothing herein shall prohibit the super visors of any city having more than one hundred thousand inhabitants giving an additional salary to judicial officers residing in such city, which salary, once established, shall also not be withdrawn or diminished during the term of office. Provision shall be made by law for the travelling expenses of judicial officers when dis-charging duties out of the county in which they reside. The official residence of the judges of the Court of Appeals shall be in the city of Albany, and all its sessi ons shall be held in that

19. The judges of the Court of Appeals, and the justices of the Supreme Court, and the judges of County Courts, and the justices of the Supreme Court, and the judges of County Courts, and the recorders of cities and surrogates, who shall be in office under the existing constitution, on the second day of January, 1868, shall continue in office during good behavior; the judges of the Court of Appeals as members of the Court of Appeals hereby estab-lished. The thirteen justices of the present Supreme Court then in office whose commissions are the oldest are transferred to the Court of Appeals; if, by reason of even date of commissions, it cannot be thus determined, then the justices of the present Supreme Court throughout the State shall designate, by a vote of a majority of them, so many of those whose claims are equal as shall be necessary to make up the thirteen so to be transferred-The remaining justices of the Supreme Court shall continue to be justices of the Supreme Court hereby established. The judges of the Superior Court of the city of New York and of the existing Court of Common Pleas in that city and the judges of the Supe rior Court of the city of Buffalo who shall be in office, under the existing constitution, on the second day of January, 1868, shall be thereafter, in their several districts, justices of the Supreme Court hereby established, and shall continue in such office during good behavior. Judges of county courts and recorders of cities who shall be in office under the existing constitution on the second day of January, 1868, shall be judges of the Court of Common Pleas hereby established in their respective counties and cities, and shall continue in such office during good behavior.

20. Justices of the peace, police justices, and all other judicial officers not provided for by the last section, shall continue to discharge the duties of their offices until their successors shall have been appointed, or until the Legislature shall have provided for the tra sfer of their business to other tribunals.

21. The Legislature, at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, shall provide for the organization of the courts hereby established, and for the transfer of all business from existing courts to them. All other courts than those provided for in

this article are abolished from and after the first day of July, 1869.

22. At the general election to be held in November, 1868, such additional justices of the Supreme Court hereby established as the Legislature may at the first session after the adoption of this stitution provide for shall be chosen. Whenever a vacancy in the office of judge of the Court of Appeals or of a justice of the Supreme Court shall occur two months before the day of a general election, the vacancy shall be filled at such next general election. When such vacancy shall occur within two months previous to a general election, the governor shall appoint to fill the vacancy until the same shall have been filled at a succeeding

23. The judges of the Court of Appeals shall designate one of their number to be permanent chief-

ARTICLE IV.

1. Every male white citizen of the age of twenty-one years who, at the time of an election, shall have been for ten days a citizen, for one year next preceding the election resident in the State, for four months next preceding the election resident in the county where he offers to vote, may vote in the election district where he at the time of the election resides, for all officers elec-tive by the people; but he may not vote for officers chosen by districts less than a county or city unless he shall also have been a resident for thirty days next preceding the election of the lesser

district by and from which such officer is to be chosen.

2. Residence is not gained or lost, for the purpose of voting, by presence or absence while in the military or naval service of the United States, while engaged in navigation of the ocean or of inland waters, while a student in any college or school, while in

any public alms-house, asylum, or prison; provided that the following classes of persons are debarred from voting, to wit, perons of unsound mind, persons interested in any wager upon the result of the pending election, inmates of public alms-houses prisons; and provided also that any one who has paid or furnished money or other valuable thing to influence an elector in his vote, or to influence a public officer in his official action, and those who have received any such money or thing shall, upon conviction thereof, be debarred from voting during life, nor shall a pardon restore to them the right of voting.

3. All elections shall be by ballot, to be delivered at the public polls by the voter in person; except that town officers may by law be made elective otherwise than by ballot, but always by per sonal delivery of the vote.

4. Three inspectors of election for every election district, to hold office for one year, shall be appointed in manner following: In cities one by the mayor, one by the first judge of the Court of Common Pleas, one by the sheriff; in counties one by the judge of the Court of Common Pleas, one by the sheriff, and one chosen by the people at the regular town meeting.

ARTICLE V.

1. The governor shall appoint the secretary of state, attorneygeneral, and state engineer, three canal commissioners, and three inspectors of state prisons; he shall likewige, with the consent of the Senate, appoint the comptroller and treasurer; all of whom shall hold their offices during the term of the governor who may appoint them. The canal auditor shall be appointed by the comptroller and shall be appointed by the comptroller and shall be applicable to the comptroller and shall be applicable. ointed by the c uptroller, and shall be a subordinate in the nted by the comptron nptroller's department.

2. Militia officers shall be chosen by ballot as follows: Captains, ieutenants, and non-commissioned officers by the members of their company; field officers of regiments or separate battalions by the captains and lieutenants thereof, not including staff officers; brigadier-generals by the colonels, lieutenant-colonels, and majors in their brigades. Major-generals and the commissary-general shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. Staff officers shall be appointed by the commanding officers of the commands to which such staff officers are to be attached. The governor shall appoint the adjutant general and all others of his personal staff. All officers above the rank of first sergeant shall be commissioned by the governor. No commis ned officer shall be removed unless in pursuance of a sentence of court-martial, except that general officers may, after they shall have attained the age of sixty years, be removed by the governor and that the governor may suspend any officer from command when under charges. The governor shall appoint a sheriff and a coroner for every county and every city, to hold office for three years, but no other local executive or ministerial officer shall be ppointed for any county or city except by the local authorities.

3. All other officers of the State government, civil or military (not including deputies and clerks, who shall be appointed by their respective chiefs), shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate; and all officers shall continue in office until their successors are appointed. When the duration or tenure of any office is not declared by this constitution, it may be declared by law; and if not so declared, such office shall be held during the pleasure of the authority making the appointment or election. The governor shall have the power of removing all officers whose appointment is vested in him, or in him with the consent of the Senate.

4. The Commissioners of the Land Office shall be the Lieu tenant-Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, Secretary of State, Comptroller, and Attorney-General. The Canal Board shall be Comptroller, Attorney-General, State Engineer, and the Canal Commissioners.

ARTICLE VI.

1. No two or more counties shall be joined together in one district for any purpose of partial government, other than judicial as herein provided; but two or more counties may be consolidated with the consent of the people of each one, manifested by a vote at a general election, and not without such consent.

No city shall be erected unless the population within its limits amounts to thirty thousand; and when erected, its govern ment shall be separated from that of the county of which it formed part. The residue of the county, if it have a less population than thirty thousand, shall be consolidated with some adjoining county.

3. All county governments shall be uniform, and shall be vested in a board of supervisors, to be chosen as follows: One for every town, to be chosen by the electors of the town; and five at large, to be chosen by a vote of the electors of the county.

4. All city charters shall be umform, and shall contain thes features, to wit: All executive local power shall be lodged in a mayor, to be elected by the people of the city, with the power vested in him of appointing all heads of departments and executive and ministerial officers connected with the local government or the city's affairs, except that he shall, in appointing the treasurer and comptroller, have the consent of the board of super visors. The duties of the city government, other than executive shall be devolved upon a board of supervisors, to be chosen as follows: every elector of the city may vote for one supervis and every citizen who shall receive, in cities having a population of one hundred thousand and upward, twenty-five hundred votes for the office, shall be a supervisor; and every citizen who shall receive, in cities having a population less than one hundred thou-sand, one thousand votes for the office, shall be a supervisor; and five supervisors at large shall also be chosen at the same time by a vote of the whole people of the city. The board of supervisors shall have full power to levy taxes for city purposes. No resolu-tion, ordinance, or regulation of the board of supervisors shall be valid unless approved within ten days after its passage by the mayor. No appropriation of money shall be made by the board of supervisors except the same shall have been first recommended

sanction. Nothing herein shall deprive any existing city of vested rights in property or of franchises other than political, 1 any existing city of its political rights as a city because of insufficiency of population.

5. All village charters shall be uniform

6. New towns shall not be erected without the consent of the board of supervisors of the county.

7. Municipal elections shall be held on such day between the rst of March and the first of May as the board of supervisors of pard of supervisors of the respective cities and counties may prescribe.

ARTICLE VII.

1. So much of Article VII. of the existing constitution as requires the annual application of certain specific sums toward the extinguishment of the State debt shall continue to be in force; in all other respects such article is abrogated, and the public revenues are to be provided and to be disposed of in such manner as the Legislature may by law direct.

2. Except for the payment of the compensation to their own

members, officers, clerks, and messengers, the Legislature shall make no appropriation of money unless the same shall have been mended to them by the governor, or by some head of department with his sanction.

3. No local statute shall be passed by the Legislature u 3. No local statute shall be passed by the Legislature unless the same shall have been first approved by the supervisors of the county or counties within which its operation is limited, a ma-jority of all elected to each board concurring by yeas and nays, and an authenticated record of such votes being transmitted. Such bill shall, if passed, be passed only in the precise form in which it nes from the local authorities, without amendment.

ARTICLE VIII.

- 1. The Legislature shall pass no special laws upon the follow-
- For the creation, modification, or regulation of corporations for
- purposes of business or profit; For the opening of roads or streets; For the regulation of common schools;
- For the licensing or restraining of any business; For the observance of holidays;
- For the taking of private property to public use or to private use on the score of public convenience;
- ut all laws on these subjects shall be general, and shall apply to all parts of the State alike and to all persons.
- 2. Laws restraining natural persons from issuing promissory notes of any denomination payable on demand, whether such laws have been heretofore passed or shall be hereafter enacted, shall be void and of no effect.
- 3: All special charters of corporations having in view business or profit are hereby abrogated, but such corporations may be continued under new articles of association, conformed $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$ ith the general laws regulating corporations, provided that the substitution of such articles of association shall be accomplished by the first day of July, 1869; otherwise all corporations then doing business under special charters shall be dissolved.
- 4. No person shall be deprived of life, person property without due process of law and the judgement of his
- 5. The right of trial by jury shall not be denied except in cases
- of impeachment, and to persons actually in military service.

 6. No person shall be held to answer for crime (except in cases of petit larceny under the regulations of the Legislature) unless on presentment of a grand jury; all accused persons shall be allowed to defend by counsel; no person shall be twice put in jeopardy of life for the same offence, nor be compelled to in criminal cases against himself; nor shall wife or husband be compelled to testify against each other; private property shall not be taken for public use or public convenience without just compensation, to be awarded by a jury of freeholders, or by a commission of three persons appointed by the Supreme Court.
- 7. The writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended. The adges of the Court of Appeals and the justices of the Supreme Court, and no others, shall have power to issue this writ, and a refusal to grant the writ to any person entitled thereto shall be adjudged felony on the part of the judge or justice refusing, to be punished by imprisonment in the State prison for five years.
 Upon conviction of a judge or justice under this provision, the

overnor shall have no power of pardon or reprieve in the case.

8. Liberty of speech and of the press shall not be abridged and members of the Legislature cannot be held responsible in any court of justice for words spoken in debate.

9. Freedom of religion and of worship is guaranteed to every person. No one shall be held incompetent to testify on account of his opinions upon the subject of religion. No laws shall be passed to establish a state religion; but laws may be passed prohibiting ordinary business and labor on the first day of the week, and to secure quiet on that day in the neighborhood of established places of public worship and religious meetings.

10. No person shall be imprisoned in order to secure his attendance at a future day as a witness; but testimony of a witness may be taken in criminal cases before the trial, by a justice of the Supreme Court only, in presence of the accused, if there is probability of the non-appearance of the witness at the trial; and such testimony may be read at the trial, if it be proved that due diligence has been used to secure the attendance of the witness,

11. No person shall be convicted of treason against the State except for actual levying of war against it, being one in a conspiracy to overturn its government by violence, or furnishing supplies or information to its enemies in time of war; nor except on the testimony of two witnesses to the same act, or by confe

in open court.

12. No person shall be appointed or elected to office unless at the time of his election or appointment he is entitled to vote.

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13. Sections 12, 13, and 14 of Article VII. of the constitution of 1821, reordained in the existing constitution, are continued in

Revision of this constitution shall be only by specific amendments in manner following: the Legislature may by joint resolution, concurred in by a majority of all the members of both houses, and approved by the governor, propose amendments; the same shall be submitted to the next succeeding Legislature; if they shall adopt them by a vote of a majority of all elected to the Assembly and two-thirds of all the senators, the same shall be submitted to the people at the next general election; and if approved by a majority of all the votes cast upon that question, the amendments shall be a part of the constitution.

ARTICLE X.

The political year begins with the first of January and ends with the thirty-first of December. The first election for governor, members of the Legislature, judges or justices, in case of vacancies occurring theretofore, or of additional justices authorized by the Legislature, shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1868; to take office on the first of January, 1869. All business of courts of justice hereby abolished January, 1869. All business of courts of justice hereby abolished shall be transferred by or before the first of July, 1869, to the courts established by this constitution, and the judges of such abolished courts may continue in office until the last-named day, unless transferred to other courts by the provisions hereof. All persons in office under the existing constitution, whose offices are not by this constitution abolished, shall continue in office until their excessors are available, or elected. The receiving tensor in the provision of the court of the constitution abolished and continue in office until their successors are appointed or elected. The restraints upon legislation in this constitution shall go into effect so soon as it is adopted. In all respects this constitution shall go into effect on the first of January, 1869.

SUMMER AND WATERING PLACES.

ZEALOTS in the pursuit of business always begin to complain on the approach of our burning solstice about the dulness of trade and the consequent injury which they can so ill afford to their pecuniary prospects. When a season has been uncommonly bad such complaints may not be so very unreasonable, but in general it is well to remember that they are substantially childish and illogical. Only so much business can be done in a year, and if the bulk of this is transacted in the tem-perate months it is expectable that during the extremes of heat and cold there should be comparative inactivity. The remarkable tumult and rush of American business life so usual in spring and autumn is naturally succeeded by periods of reaction, just as excitement of any other physical kind is similarly followed by necessary repose. The peculiarities of our climate make such phenomena not only inevitable, but highly salutary. It is impossible for nervous energies to be healthfully kept at their normal pitch during, for example, such weather as we experienced in the first week of June. Nature at such periods imperatively demands rest, and although there are various stimulative methods for deferring the satisfaction of her claims she is sure to exact a penalty for the postponement. If our cities during the glowing ninety of a New York summer were indeed "gracious with temperate air," life might be ordered differently; but the powers of the most vigorous and elastic droop and grow flaccid under a burning sun and health is more important even than dollars, so that it happens fortunately for all that business flags in July and August, however it may seem hard for many to bear the depression at the immediate time. It should be a consolation to the discontented to reflect that their business year is to be measured comprehensively as a whole, and that the duller things are for three months to come the more active and prosperous they are likely to be in the autumn which ensues.

"Study to be quiet," said St. Paul to the Thessalonians, and no better advice can be offered at this season to our own impatient countrymen. The strongest and fiercest animals creep at noon-day into cooling shades to gather strength for battle and foraging to come. We are coming now to the high noon of our year and can wisely profit by their sagacious example. By the sea-side, on breezy hill-tops, in umbrageous valleys, there are nooks and corners without number where shelter can be had and sweetly wholesome air be breathed not to be found in crowded towns, where bustling contact frets the spirit and the year's impurities poison the feculant atmosohere. The value of rest at this season to a community like ours can'scarcely be over-estimated. It is true that many urge they cannot afford the time, but we believe there are few who cannot really do more in nine months than in twelve. Those who from circumstances cannot be absent from duty so long must, of course, regulate their action accordingly, recollecting that perfect rest for one month may be better than imperfect rest for three. The situation of numbers will not, unhappily, admit of their

suburbs are now so plentiful that even the poorest may pass many of their hours away from the city and such should regard it as a bounden duty to do so. Pure air and innocent recreation may now be enjoyed by the poor and their children at dozens of places within an hour of New York and at prices so moderate as to leave little excuse for foregoing them. Central Park, Staten Island, the beautiful heights of the Jersey shore, and other charming resorts are accessible to all who can spare a few pence and the interval of non-working hours, and the gain to health and spirits derivable from regularly making such excursions is great and positive.

In considering the growth of population and the stringency of the times, we are led greatly to regret that clean and comfortable accommodations, including a very wide range in grade and price, and conducted on the lodging-house principle, are not yet to be found among There are multitudes of people of fixed and slender income who are utterly unable to allow themselves a trip to Newport, Saratoga, Cape May, Nahant, or even to less fashionable watering places, who, if such facilities were open as present themselves by the thousand at English resorts like Hastings, Ramsgate, Brighton, or Deal, would eagerly and profitably embrace them. In these places apartments can be had of almost every conceivable price, size, and location, and the humblest are often as cleanly and comfortable as the most pretentious. The rooms are paid for at a regular stipulated rate and the table is provided on their own scale and at their own expense by the occupants. Their menage thus being entirely within their own control, and its details only known to themselves, families can live as they please, at their own hours and in their own way, expensively or economically, without being tempted to ostentation or being obliged to conform to the habits or be subject to the inspection of others. The advantages of this system are very great. Many of the classes which with us, through dread of the expense of fashionable resorts and a natural reluctance to appear niggardly or straitened, remain in the stifling city throughout the season, in England regularly enjoy their yearly holiday at the sea-side with as much pleasure and benefit as if their means were unlimited. Especially for professional people of refinement-the families of clergymen, lawyers, artists, literary men, people who like privacy and quiet but who are unable to pay the cost at which alone such desiderata can here be procured—is the English lodginghouse system a great blessing. We have heretofore recommended its adoption in our towns, and in the country during the summer season it would be no less desirable. The enforced uniformity, the distasteful publicity, the obligatory associations of our American boarding-house and hotel system, apart from pecuniary considerations, deters every year a greater number of persons in this community from enjoying those changes of air and scene which in this climate are at least as essential as in any other.

It is probable at present that the great majority of American families whose homes are in towns and whose incomes fall short of \$5,000 a year never visit the sea-shore or interior country at all, for the reasons we have named. In England the reverse is undoubtedly the case, because of opposite conditions. But, unless the plan we propose encounters dislike for no better cause than that it is English, we do not see why it should not be carried into effect with similar advantages. What is needed is a large number of compact, well-built houses or cottages, of various size and accommodation, built with reference to the particular object in view, at favorable localities. Such buildings are now erected in hundreds every se at the English watering places. The writer, in a late visit to three of those above named, saw whole streets covering what he remembered as open fields seven years before, and was assured that the enterprises were very profitable. The English season is, moreover, much shorter than our own, so that in an important respect builders would here have an advantage. We are persuaded that this subject is well worthy the attention of capitalists, and the extravagant prices now charged by hotels would do much to give popularity and success to speculations based upon it. It may be thought that Americans would be slow, as has been hinted, to favor such a foreign innovation, but the world moves, and, now that we have so heavy a debt to carry, comfortable economy should and doubtless would overcome even national prejudice. But were it otherwise, the rapidly increasing proportion of Europeans domiciled among us would form an element of support for the plan proposed which could be depended upon with considerable confidence. Nothing can be more likely than that, in the neighborhood of the metropolis and in these days of uncleanness, poor quality, and extortionate prices, any scheme offering to the pubenjoying the luxury of a country vacation at all; but the lic a mode of living wherein cheapness and comfort facilities for reaching our picturesque and healthy could be made obviously consistent with any desired determined through the acquisition of Dan'el D., to enrich his col-

gree of refinement would attract eager attention and, if only for the sake of novelty, be awarded a fair trial.

A RELIGIOUS EDITOR.

THE REVEREND DANIEL D. CURRY, D.D., is the editor of a so-called religious newspaper published in New York and styled The Christian Advocate. By way of imparting vivacity to the columns of that entertaining sheet, Dr. Curry has lately printed some articles on lay and "religious" journalism. The original idea as well as some of the views of these articles the reverend gentleman obligingly appropriated from The Round Table, to which, in the most Christianlike manner, he forgot to give credit. Apart from his borrowed plumes, there was nothing in Dr. Curry's articles to attract notice with a single exception, which consisted in the extraordinary freedom with which they characterized certain unoffending and respectable editors of the New York press as disbelievers in Christianity, or, more briefly and exactly, as "infidels." Now, it is only a very short time ago since this amiable divine stigmatized another highly respectable and learned editor by the same offensive epithet. The latter gentleman retorted, we remember, by calling his assailant an "irregular rhomboid;" which rejoinder if not very reverent was, under the circumstances, an accurate as well as a justifiable one. The conclusive argument conveyed by this not very original if strictly applicable phrase was extremely satisfactory to the press and it travelled far and wide through the country, and has lately turned up on the other side of the Atlan-tic. It seems also to have been highly gratifying to Dr. Curry himself; since the repetition of that which elicited it implies a desire to provoke further arguments of the same kind. A calfskin seems no more efficacious in this instance than it was in the case of boasting Austria; and, as with that prince of braggarts, it only enforced a temporary silence presently to be broken in order that the hissing lash of *Faulconbridge* may again descend. His former experience, indeed, seems to have acted on Dr. Curry as a sort of moral cocktail and to have made him quite gluttonous for more punishment. To stir up a single wasp no longer affords him any excitement, and nothing will do but he must burst pell-mell into a hornet's nest and have them all about his ears at once.

We congratulate the Reverend Christian on the result He finds it no doubt eminently refreshing and edifying. We are all, of course, miserable sinners, and the mission of the immaculate Dr. Curry—or, as we learn he is called by his intimates, Dan'el D.,-the mission of the immaculate Dan'el D. is to shake a whip of scorpions over our heads, call us dreadful names, and consign us in advance to what his christian and academic initials so ominously suggest. This peppery treatment is unique for tastefulness and modesty. It is so exceedingly graceful and timely in these days of ridiculous toleration and reprehensible divergency of belief for a Christian clergyman to go about wholesomely vilipending his professional brethren because he suspects them of being so wicked as to disbelieve in his particular creed, that we can scarcely find words in which to thank Dan'el D. for the bene fit he is thus conferring upon religion and society. The supreme daring with which he invites attack is not the least of the Reverend gentleman's merits. His namesake in the lion's den was nothing to him. He acknowledges to living in a glass house and he invites us all to throw stones. As the operation seems so agreeable, we recommend him immediately to denounce a large num-ber of other eminent persons as "infidels." He might begin with President Johnson, whose reply—as suggested by Dan'el D.'s christian and academic initials-may readily be prognosticated. The dismal yet saintary result of a general volley of billingsgate, for whose effective discharge the Reverend Advocate is so admirably fitted, may be inferred from the condition of his recent victims, all of whom have lately evinced-if the atrocity of such a statement may for once be forgiven us-an unmistakable disposition to hari-Curry.

We are not at all surprised, in view of the torpedo-like ensation produced by Dr. Curry and his seraphic advocacy of Christian principles, to hear that good Mr. Bennett has offered him a permanent place on The Herald staff, and that the reverend gentleman is likely to accept it. A white cravat and a nasal twang in the editorial rooms of that paper will supply a charming variety which they will be none the worse for; and the latter quality will blend melodiously with the Hibernian brogue and Cambrian burr which, delightful in themselves, are peculiarly so when set off by the effect of contrast. Bennett capitally understands the art of pleasing his audience; and the exquisite infusion of blue-fire, brimstone, umns, will recall their pristine glories and endear them more than ever to an appreciative public. For The Herald to turn Methodist in its old age may seem a strange, but is to our mind an altogether suitable, climax to its long career of usefulness, and need in no sense interfere with its ancient allegiance, inasmuch as the potentate whom it is popularly supposed to worship has een served in a similar livery very often before. felicitate Dan'el D. on his new field of usefulness and trust he will commence in it his genial and Christian labor of damning our citizens by wholesale as as speedily as possible.

THE SUMMER MEETING AT JEROME PARK.

PROPHECIES about women, newspapers, and horse races are so often falsified that those who are capable of getting wisdom with experience grow reticent on such seductive but slippery subjects and preserve their reputation for sagacity by rejecting alike every tempting bait to hazard or to enhance it. As to journals, the principle seems well established that to do exactly what they are expected not to do is their surest road to wealth and influence. Consistency is of all virtues the one least prized by a public whose characteristic fickleness is reproached by its antithesis, and the charm of surprise seems with most people to do more than atone for constructive immorality. Perhaps that which is most captivating about women is the extraordinary uncertainty which attends their action in any fresh contingency, and the remark is also applicable to race-horses. Creatures like these, full of nerve, fire, and sensitiveness, are swaved despotically by what seems to be caprice, but which is very often mere mobility or extraordinary susceptibility to surrounding objects and conditions. The vague incertitudes which attach to the conduct of race-horses seem likewise to extend to everything connected with them. For example, nothing it might have been thought could have been more conducive to an immense gathering for the Summer Meeting at Jerome Park than the exact conditions of sky, turf, and atmosphere with which we were fa vored on the Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday of last week. To general surprise the attendance was comparatively scanty, especially on the most interesting day, the second, and no plausible reason seems to be assigned for the deficiency by our friends of the daily press except the slightly interested suggestion of inadequate advertising. The Summer Meeting was, however, as well advertised as was the Spring Meeting, when the crowd was great, and we really see no explanation or resource save to put the matter in the list of inexplicable phenomena, which includes, as we have remarked, innumerable feminine and journalistic mysteries as well as so many connected with the Turf. Saturday, it must be observed, made up for the deficiencies of the other days, the crowd being greater than ever before at the Park, with the two exceptions of the Inauguration Day, last autumn, and the last day of the late Spring Meeting.

But if attendance was less large at the late meeting than was expected-and all new undertakings must expect a fair proportion of vicissitudes-it was extremely recherché and appreciative in character, and the racing itself has hardly been excelled in the annals of the American turf. The great event was the contest for the Westchester Cup, for which eighteen horses were entered and although only four ran, of whom one never had any was a beautiful and stanchly-contested race chance, it and one highly creditable to all concerned. Loadstone, the winner of the "Hotel Stakes" at the Spring Meeting, was the fortunate victor in this brilliant struggle; Gilroy, who had been the favorite, coming in third, and Mr. Watson's Onward, a splendid second, being barely beaten by a neck. The distance was two and a quarter miles, and the time 4: 10%. It is noticeable that Loadstone won this race by precisely the same tactics as those which gained for him the "Hotel Stakes" before. He was kept well in hand, running behind both his competitors during most of the race, and behind Onward, with the exception of a few seconds at the Club House bend, until they had actually reached the Club Stand. The race was then won in the last hundred-nay, in the last fifty-yards, and nothing could have been more superlatively fine than the manner in which Hayward "rolled" the slashing grey past his formidable opponent in the convulsive, straining effort of the final rush. It was predicted by some clever people that if Loadstone were again made to run a waiting race he would lose; such a policy answered with his former, but would fail with his present com-The prediction was not verified by the event, which has shown Loadstone to be possessed of extraordinary staying qualities. Jockeying does much, no doubt, and Hayward richly deserves the admiring credit which Le receives; but, after all, the horse carries the man and

not the man the horse-although, in watching the quarter stretch during the close of these two remarkable races, an observer might have almost thought the con--and it may well be doubted whether Hayward, with all his nerve and skill, could have made Gilroy win. The general opinion respecting the chances for the Westchester Cup prior to the race may by gathered from the selling of pools, which ranged from \$750 to \$350 for Gilroy, \$440 to \$140 for Loadstone, and \$330 to \$60 for Onward; poor Dazzle, who was ultimately distanced, being put down at an unmentionable vanishing point.

Both the other races of this stirring day were won by Mr. Jerome's horses, De Courcy being triumphant in one and Fleetwing in the other. The last was a highly exciting affair, being a race of two-mile heats and including the names of Luxemburg, a favorite in consequence of his splendid achievement on the previous day, Vandal, Delaware, and Blackbird. Pools on this event sold at rates following the order of the horses as we have named them, Luxemburg being second. This race was full of interesting chances, Fleetwing winning the first heat by the almost unappreciable superiority of half a nose, and excitement was enhanced during the second by some rather equivocal evolutions on the part of Vandal, which resulted in that well-named colt being ruled out for foul riding. Delaware won this heat, after a glorious brush between Luxemburg and Blackbird, succeeding in pushing by them both and so becoming the favorite for the decisive effort. Fleetwing, however, won at the last with apparent ease, thus bringing the race and the day's sports-so far as the turf was concerned-to a conclusion. But although the races were over, there was dancing in the fine hall of the club building until a considerably later hour, and what with the strains of the fine band, the discussion of very good wine and that of such edibles as those in power had seen fit to provide, a harmonious and satisfactory finish to the amusements of the day vas enjoyed by the members of the club and their guests Many distinguished persons from various parts of the country were present on this occasion, and the opinion universally and freely expressed was that the arrangements of the Park were in a high degree creditable to the liberal sportsmen who have paid for and superintended them. The Jockey Club Handicap on Saturday was perhaps the most exciting race of the meeting, and was won by Earring-by a lucky coincidence owned by the proprietor of Loadstone, the winner of the cup the day before-against seven competitors. The struggle between Climax and Earring at the finish was one of the finest sights ever seen in America. The perfect order with which all things are regulated—on the track itself by capital drainage and the constant attention of its active superintendent. Mr. Charles Wheatley, and, as regards the various minutiæ of other parts of the grounds, through the experienced supervision of Mr. Theodore Moss-deserves honorable mention; and the public at large have good reason to be grateful to the spirited gentlemen who, at great cost to themselves, have put within the common reach so lovely a resort as Jerome Park, thus richly augmenting New York's facilities for healthful pleasure whilst encouraging a diversion which, conducted as it here is, not only as sures improvement in the breed of the noblest animal in the service of man, but conduces in various ways to a needed progress in metropolitan civilization.

THE JAPANESE.

THE Japanese are away. Like Catiline, they go but they return. No one save recent rural arrivals was at all alarmed by the large, lugubrious farewell posters of ten days back, or imagined for a moment that Their Agilities would deign to throw their valedictory somersault elsewhere than in New York. And, sure enough, no sooner had the last countryman joyfully secured his last look upon the wonderful Orientals than the nocturnal bill-posters spread the tidings that there would be one more good-by. For one brief and probably most elastic week the gambols of the East will reward the greenbacks of the West, and then their almond eyes will gleam curiously on the musquito coast of our harbor and their pigtails be turned toward the setting sun.

Till then we must possess our souls in patience. deniably, we shall miss them greatly, for the novelty had not yet worn off their grotesque performance, and even the most blasé of theatre-goers found refreshment in their quaint devices and outré tricks. How audaciously they set at naught all our preconceived notions of the centre of gravity, how calmly they set about performing the most outrageous impossibilities! How before seeing them we laughed at the stories of those who had, how we scouted the bamboo ladder, how we ridiculed the sword-spun top! And even when we went and saw these wonders and many more we came away not more

than half convinced. We reflected on the limited success we should achieve if we attempted to promenade a clothes-line in our back yard armed with a fan and an umbrella; we speculated on the remote probability of our elevating skyward on the soles of our feet a pyramid of wash-tubs and our youngest born and living to repeat the performance, until bewildered amazement subsided into mild incredulity. Vanity is prone to set down for abstractly impossible what is simply impossible to us; and more than one visit was necessary to persuade ourselves that we had not been the victims of our deluded senses,

After a while, however, we got accustomed to these marvels; one gets accustomed to everything except dying. Doubtless, little "All Right" would get accustomed to tumbling from the dome to the floor of the Academy if, as is not impossible, our wonder-craving public should demand such repeated proof of the irre fragability of the Japanese neck. Let us hope they will be content with the specimen already vouchsafed them. There is little doubt, however, that the incident will in crease the popularity of the troupe. Hundreds of people will go, who would not otherwise have gone, merely to see that break-neck fall repeated. There is a morbid fascination in this discounting of death which few can We have heard of one gentleman who went nightly in anticipation of this very accident; like the man who followed Van Amburgh's menagerie for years to see the lion bite Van Amburgh's head off. He knew it was only a question of time, like widowhood or a horserace. Night after night he entered the Academy a few minutes before the little Japanese begins his daring flight; night after night he followed his arrowy course with palpitating suspense; night after night he departed heart-sick it may be with hope deferred, but with his grand confidence in the ultimate result still unimpaired. He came to be a marked man; the theatre-people all knew and pointed him out to one another with bated breath. There was something awful in his haggard mien, his swift transitions from unholy joy to inconsolable dejection. At last one night the box-keeper missed him; the ushers sought him everywhere in vain with a dim presentiment of evil; he was not there. Perhaps his country called him to a primary meeting or a congressional excursion; perhaps the baby cried and the nurse was out; perhaps he had been telegraphed to take the mission to Mexico; perhaps-perhaps anything; he was not there! That night a rope gave way and down came little "All Right," just as our friend always knew he would. He heard it next morning when he went for his daily ticket. Of course there was but one thing to do with such a sorrow, and the unhappy gentleman did it. He promptly went mad, and is now the inmate of a strictly fashionable private asylum, where he daily vociferates the lamentable hallucination that he is "All Right."

Pleasanter memories than this, however, have the Japanese left behind them. Their coming has been an event, an epoch in topsy-turvy, an era in the history of tumbling. More than this, they have done their work on American culture. We do not exaggerate in saying that they have been a great social, moral, and educational agency, destined notably to affect the civilization of New York. How deeply they have wrought upon us few know or reflect; what will be their total æsthetic result when their last week is over it is impossible to estimate. Already we read their influence in the impetus given to the small, unoccupied boys who are in the habit, now that we revel in perennial circus, of bending up against fences in all sorts of improbable attitudes. And doubtless, as we write this, a hundred athletic youths are lying on their stalwart backs and nobly failing to balance their little brothers on the soles of their feet. And they will not fail for ever. If their patience and their little brothers last well, success is inevitable. It is not flattering to our national vanity that these almond-eyed barbarians should have come to teach our acrobats all but the very rudiments of their art; and as it is a national characteristic not to stay beaten long we may safely prophecy a not very distant period when every Equescurriculum (which is our gorgeous modern equivalent for circus) throughout the land shall boast its only original imported troupe of Tycoons, who shall do all that the present ones do and do not, and speak the purest Yokohama with the richest possible Milesian brogue. We have sometimes felt half inclined to wonder whether our present Japanese were not similar impostors; not long or often, however. A great part of our enjoyment, indeed, depends on the certainty of their gen-uineness. We all remember the Bedouin Arabs of our childhood's circuses-how they enlisted our imagination, and made poetry of geography lessons! What gallant, fierce, swarthy, mysterious fellows they seemed as they galloped recklessly round the ring, making us quiver with delight and awe! what matchless Arabian



coursers (horses were for vulgar natives) they all bestrode! what a whiff of the Sahara we caught in every movement of their romantic turbans and floating cloaks Blissful delusion! who would not willingly have been deceived for ever? who does not rue the fatal hour when the officious smartness of some older boy or the insensible wisdom that gathers with our years and dismembers our pet illusions as a breath dispels a bubble, made us aware that our cherished Bedouins were mostly reared on the boundless deserts of Connaught? There is but one other such discovery-when a little girl suspects her doll of being wax. "Men are great boys and boys are little men." We need not fear, however, that our Japanese will be subjected to this disillusionizing process. There can be no doubt that they, at least, are genuine Japan ware. Two minutes of their hideous jargon or ten conds of their indescribable music would dissipate the boldest scepticism. The civilized intellect is utterly unqual to such barbaric splendor of discord. Tannhiluser the trombone and triangle alone might faintly approach it.

As we have said, it is difficult to estimate the effect of the Japanese on our society. From ruling the fashions they will doubtless come to sway our social and political economy. Pigtails and flowered dressing gowns will make an easy and comfortable costume for the summer. and every first-class hotel will speedily give us our choice between queues de cochon marinées à la Japanoise or petits chiens sautés, sauce Mikado or mayonnaise de chat, ala Taïcun. Orchestras will be organized and operas composed on Japanese harmonic principles, with Herr Wagner inevitably imported as conductor. So, by degree all the amenities of Japanese civilization will be natural ized in our midst. The infinite advantage of the harikari over the duel-namely, that society is sure to be rid of both the quarrellers-will readily appear, and the custom, perhaps, be legalized by the Constitutional Convention and certainly incorporated into the code of honor among all gentlemen. Congress, under the pressure of united New York influence, will doubtless conform our system of government to the latest Jeddo improvements and we shall have Hon, Ben, Wade or Gen, Butler imme, diately stumping the continent as candidates for Mikado, with a host of smaller politicians lobbying for the Tycoonship. In fact, there is no reason under the Monroe doctrine why Japan should not annex us, and the home government at Jeddo appoint Horace Greeley or Jeff. Davis or George Francis Train or the Count Joannes out

CLASSIC WRITERS ON WOMAN'S SPHERE.

THE status and mission of the gentler sex have not been an exclusively modern topic with authors and philosophers. Lycurgus and Plato as well as Mr. J. Stuart Mill are formidable champions for "extending woman's sphere of usefulness." The "gentle Edmund makes the chaste Britomart wield deadly weapons with a vengeance, and even the more feminine Belphæbe can handle her javelin very effectively. Tasso, too, intends the warlike Clorinda to move our admiration. Jael and Judith, Semiramis and Zenobia, are lauded by writers sacred and profane. The Queen of Palmyra, indeed, seems to have joined the energies of a warrior and the learning of a sage to the softer graces of womanhood, and, notwithstanding her unheroic end, she evokes as general a sympathy perhaps as the luck-less Joan of Arc. The heroines of modern wars, if less combative and prononcé than the Amazons of antiquity, are not less interesting; and the Contezza della Torre and Miss Belle Boyd have each their eulogists. But we imagine that at present few go as far as Plato in his Republic, where he proposes that women should enter the army and practice manly exercises in the fancy costume he so prettily alludes to: "'Αρετήν άντι Ιματίων άμφιέσονται.' We are aware that the fair leaders of the modern agitation generally differ from the sage in both particulars; that they eschew battles and cherish the "right" to a very substantial toilette. But extremists still meet with some sympathy; and chivalrous juries occasionally refuse to convict the fair avenger of her own wrongs. A question here suggests itself as to the rights of men. Are they to be refused the privilege of self-defence against female violence? It is an infringement of the code of honor to raise a hand against a woman, and me authors allow no exceptions to the rule. But the law and practice authorize resistance to the other sex in certain cases, and Spenser—the champion of "woman's rights"—makes his model knights assume the offensive It may be of importance to settle the point. The ladies are in training to enforce their full enfranchisement, and it would be hard to turn the other cheek to such assailants as the feminine athletes of Boston, who, according to an evening contemporary, can lift six hundred pounds. Aristotle opposes the participation of

women in state affairs and wars. He points out the distinctive characteristics of the sexes, and urges that a retiring, womanly character is best occupied and preserved within the precincts of her home. Xenophon's notions of woman's mission are similar. Even her private habits were interfered with by Solon, and officers —γυναικονόμοι—were impolitely appointed whose peculiar function was to restrict certain "rights" of the fair Athenians. Such sentiments as "Silence brings honor to a woman," " Looms, not public meetings, are women's business," and " Women should talk in their households," are common in the Greek dramatists. Among the moderns, Guizot in his History of Civilization attributes the improved condition of women to the feudal system, under which they were debarred from public and professional life, and believes their importance increases with their domesticity. Rollin says that the allotment of distinctive duties to the sexes, "far from degrading woman, is to her advantage and honor"; and Sir Walter Scott implies the same when he derives the high position of the sex in Western Europe from the institution of chivalry,

But we must cease to disturb the manes of the deceased or to expose their antiquated notions to ridicule, though perhaps it is just they should have their share of modern criticism. We make an exception of Shakespeare—whose shade must by this time be inured to the hardships of immortality—and quote the reformed Katharina in the Taming of the Shrew:

"Why are our bodies soft and weak and smooth, Unapt to toil and trouble in the world, But that our soft conditions and our hearts Should well agree with our external parts?"

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NO. IV.-PROVINCIAL JOURNALISM.

THE phrase "provincial," as has heretofore been intimated in this series, although sometimes associated with rusticity, may fairly take on a broader meaning and imply simply that which is non-metropolitan. In this generous sense and with reference to the public press it regards that large and important class of journals which reflect or give a tone to merely a section of the country and are influential beyond this limit only at particular junctures or by accidental and clearly explicable circum-It is not necessary that they should be narrowly local in character or that they should be intellectually dwarfed : but it follows, as a reasonable sequence to their position, that they are colored in ideas and in expressi by the atmosphere of thought and action peculiar to the community in which they are produced, while that community, be it city or town-Chicago, Boston, Charleston, or Springfield-neither is nor will be either cosmopolitan as New York is becoming, or metropolitan as this city has already become. The distinction being thus emphasized, we pass at once to the consideration of the conditions on which depends perfectibility in this important branch of journalism.

It is obvious at the outset that a very considerable portion of these conditions must be of general application, while those which are most to be desired are prob ably the farthest from realization. We ought not, for instance, to expect toleration to any wide extent of antagonistic views; the country is too new for this and our population too earnest. Mechanical excellence in respect to quality of paper, of type, of advertising page, is mainly out of the question, although, as patronage grows and the provincial establishments become wealthier, this may in time be reached; indeed, it has been partially reached already, and we might name several papers which compare advantageously with the metropolitan press. But among the qualities which we have clearly a right to demand is decency in the advertising and in current news. Editorial discussions, moreover, if fervent, should be also intelligent and dignified; and there are three points in particular upon which we may fairly be urgentthe freshness of news, its due arrangement, and the proper selection of miscellaneous matter; and here, we think the provincial press ought easily to arrive at a perfection which cannot be realized in the metropolis in any absolute degree. The difficulty with a New York paper is the superabundance of material and the need of vast generalizations in brief spaces of time. The diurnal events of the whole world are to be recorded, and a managing editor is compelled rapidly to decide upon the relative importance of the crude material before him; to place one despatch prominently, another in the b ground; to arbitrate between foreign and domestic intelligence, between local reports and more distant correspondence; to direct a hundred individualities into the single groove of what, for a better phrase, may be called the spirit of his journal; in a word, to achieve the impossible. Of course the impossible is never achieved. Metropolitan journalism never has been symmetrical; prob-

ably it never will be—at least this desideratum must always depend upon individual men, and for that reason is only attainable at intervals. With the provincial newspaper it is quite otherwise.

Such a paper either reflects a clearly-defined although ometimes an extended district, as in the case of the Boston press, which takes in all New England; or it represents merely the state; or it is the exponent of the activity of an agricultural, a commercial, or a manufacturing centre. If true to its function, therefore, it will hold all foreign and, indeed, much of national intelligence secondary, while the multiform life of the section will be accurately portrayed. This restriction is itself a power. It permits of ready classification, of great variety, and at the same moment of a steadfast adherence to the main object-the interests of its appropriate field. What we look for in a journal of this description is the daily history of the population within the compass of its circulation. All facts relating to the sources of wealth to the community, all political and religious movements, every social event, whether festal or calamitous, ought to find place in its columns, according to the respective importance of the subject. The telegraph agent, the correspondent, and the reporter will alike minister to this end, while the decision as to what matter shall have precedence is made easy on account of the inevitable secndary nature of by far the larger portion of the news thus collected. What division of labor effects in mechanical pursuits, the narrow sphere of his work secures to the provincial publicist. He can at once, with less labor and at smaller expense, arrive at that plane of excellence toward which the metropolitan editor is always approaching but never quite attains.

If, however, we turn from *d priori* to *d posteriori*, drop theory and take up fact, it is greatly to be feared that these reasonable expectations will be found attended only by beggarly and impotent conclusions. Very few papers to which these rules apply satisfy them to any notable degree. We are compelled to say that the African savage, whose proficiency in figures is limited to the ten digits, might easily count them, if enumeration were the single qualification requisite for the estimate. It is a pitiable confession, but one that is unavoidable. And this will become evident from even a hasty glance at the leading papers among the class to which the present article relates, and from which much might justly be

anticipated. In making our survey we shall give the northern ournals the priority, partly because such a division is more scientific, but mainly from the fact that the South is in so yeasty a condition, is so impoverished and politically confused, that it would be unfair to subject its journalism to any rigid tests. Moving by longitudes, we naturally begin with Boston. That city has four great dailies, The Journal, Advertiser, Post, and Traveller. There is a fifth, The Transcript, which in some respects is superior to its rivals; but its circle of readers is relatively less, and there are features in its conduct which will make it proper to reserve it for separate consideration. Of these four, The Advertiser is generally the most dignified, while The Journal has a pre-eminence for news. The latter, indeed, is The Herald of New England in respect to circulation and the freshness of its current Yet the most superficial study of its contents reveals grave defects. The reading matter is thrown together in heterogeneous confusion. There is what one might almost call a contempt for system. A local event will be followed by an account of some tragedy" in Texas, next by a literary note, a Missouri crop item, a bit of Cape Cod news. The reader is left to perform the office of editor. The unimportant and the important constantly fill equal spaces and secure equal typographical prominence. The so-named "leaders" are proverbially thin, colorless, and without point. In short, apart from the enterprise shown in spending money freely for telegrams and special correspondence, it is a splendid example of what the provincial paper should avoid. Its immediate rival, The Traveller, is little better. There is the same want of classification, with the further exasperation of a flood of news paragraphs, or "items," in which the near and remote are jumbled together like the miscellany of a junk-shop. Its editorials, however, maugre a certain snivelling tone, as in its discussions of prohibition, are well-written, while the industrial and commercial affairs of its section receive considerable attention. The Post is a highly respectable sheet, able in its discussions of national subjects, and never dull in its news. Its correspondence is always capable, piquant, and racy, and its compilations from foreign journals are remarkable for their judiciousness and sparkle. It also pays a commendable attention to commercial matters, and there is much of symmetry in the general arrangement of its contents. But it is a Democratic organ in the midst of a radical community, and partisan prejudice would diminish its local influence even if it were disposed to bend more than it does to the dominant ideas of New England. In respect of local influence combined with conservatism. The Advertiser has a strong position and is superior to most newspapers in its law reports, its mercantile usefulness, and in the weight and character of its editorial expression. But even this substantial journal does not comply with one of the most important prerequisites of model management. It is a news paper only in respect to national politics and general intelligence. The local department is cramped, partial, special. The organ of the wealthy, the manufacturing, and the commercial classes, it affords very few details of movements in these fields of activity, and as a consequence the public is compelled to resort to a weekly sheet, The Commercial Bulletin, for information upon all those subjects which relate to the main sources of New England's prosperity.

We have remarked with some emphasis upon a conspicuous defect in the Boston press—its want of symmetry and orderly arrangement. Much of this is indisputably due to the fact that all these papers are fourpaged. The quarto sheet, so successful in this city, has hitherto proven a failure in Boston. Yet its introduction would, in all probability, do away with the most vicious element in New England journalism. The eight page system compels to a certain degree of condensation and orderliness in the collocation of matter. Its compactness renders it at once more comfortable to the reader and more manageable to the editor. But the people of Massachusetts, while feverishly radical in their politics, are intensely conservative in their habits. Their grandfathers never read a quarto daily, and in this they seem to hold it as a religion to imitate their ancestors. One of the most thoroughly capable journalists in the state, Mr. Bowles, of The Springfield Republican, once attempted to establish in Boston a paper of metropolitan dimensions but the experiment resulted in a fiasco so absolute that it has not been repeated. It has happened, as a conse quence of this prejudice, that the only secular journal published in New England upon the New York plan is The Hartford Courant, which is also, let us say en passant, remarkably able and well conducted, a circumstance to be ascribed in no small degree to its quarto form. The Hartford Press, and the widely known Springfield paper have also, on certain days, an eightpage issue, and no competent critic can examine them without being impressed with the good results, as regards the appropriate classification of material, attending the adoption of the metropolitan method. Both these sheets, and The Republican pre-eminently, have more New England news in aggregate than any of the Boston papers, and they are much better able to accomplish this by reason of the system in question. A further evidence to the point is afforded by *The Providence Journal*, which fails precisely where the Boston press fails, in what printers call the make-up of its form. Otherwise, however, it is a very shapely sheet, and its leaders are scholarly, terse, and trenchant. Concerning the remaining New England newspapers we have to note that the poorest are published in New Hampshire, while Vermont presents scarcely a better record, and Maine has but two of any critical worth. These are The Lewiston Journal, noticeable for its discriminate and careful compilation of state and national news; and The Portland Press, a paper that evinces a commendable energy in collating facts pertaining to the commercial, manufacturing, and agricultural life of its state. Its editorial opinions are also expressed with unusual weight, and it is the only provincial journal in the country that pays any considerable attention to Canadian events. Of the Connecticut press we have already indirectly spoken, and it is only necessary to add that besides the Hartford papers, which, by the way, have few rivals in America, The New Haven Palladium is deserving of more mention than our space accords it for vigor and literary merit.

In sharp contrast to the journalism of the extreme East is that of 'the Western States. The former-to which we have already devoted more attention than suits the limits of our article, simply because it illustrates certain generic provincial deficiencies-has a few local and peculiar features which are as recognizably characteristic as the people it represents. The "item, for instance, is of New England origin. That careful economy which is the secret of Yankee thrift has crept into the newspaper column, and disclosed itself in short, jerky paragraphs. Everything, whether irrevelant or pertinent, is gathered in, digested and converted to use. The consequence is that a reader is conscious of a choppy, jagging, short-breathed movement, as if he were in the interior of a cotton factory. At the West all this is changed. News is grouped in large masses. There is a generosity and amplitude of detail in the contents of the that is to a considerable extent under metropolitan in- of which is that a journal ought to mirror everything

great occidental dailies that marvellously suggest square miles of corn-field and the illimitableness of the prairie. They employ the telegraph without stint, and empty the inkstands of correspondents in one letter. Their spacious pages and voluminous discussions excite in the imagination strong resemblances to the broad, heavy action of mowing and reaping machines. The Memphis Appeal prints editorials that measure by the yard. The Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Chicago papers frequently cover a whole page with a single report or news letter. And though such prodigality of space is not a daily occurrence, yet this tendency to elaborate treatment of particular topics may fairly be assumed as a western char-Another noteworthy peculiarity of journalism in that section is the disproportionate prominence of its criminal intelligence. We have seen the opinion expressed that the cause of this excess lies in the natural exaggeration of human passion under the less conventional conditions of western life. Probably this is a superficial judgement, and the true solution is to be found in a morbid eagerness for sensation on the part of the population. But whatever may be the occasion, there is no question as to the fact; and it is because of persistent devotion to this form of sensation that The Chicago Times has made itself perhaps the most representative of western journals. Judged, however, by the rules that we have laid down, The Times is very faulty. Vigorous, racy, and sparkling in its editorials, it is singularly unfair and disingenuous in its discussions with opponents. Outside of the police record, its local reports are very incomplete. Its compilation of state news is not as fresh or as ample as we have a right to expect. In these and similar particulars it exhibits the same deficiencies already noted in the case of Boston. The Tribune is better, its enterprise exhibiting itself, however, in domestic as well as foreign correspondence, rather than in the collection of the news of its own section. This paper, although four-paged, is a model for the arrangement of matter, so far as a folio sheet is capable of being a model at all. Among the other papers in that city The Republican is notable for having espoused the eighthour movement and for its attention to literary matters, while The Post is an agreeable evening sheet, and The Journal, likewise an afternoon paper, has made itself eminent for its attention to art and literature.

Although not the most characteristic, yet certainly the best conducted, western papers are those of Cincinnati. Both The Commercial and The Gazette of that city are managed with an ability that admits only met ropolitan comparison; and the former sheet is one of the most scholarly and generally readable journals in the country. St. Louis has also two excellent papers, The Republican and The Democrat; the last remarkable for the freshness and completeness of its news, and the first for its admirable editorial management. Each of these journals, it should be remarked, are in one particular in advance of the entire western press. refer, of course, to the unusual attention displayed in city and state news, and the extended editorial comments which important local events call out. But, unfortunately, this desirable tendency is marred by the license granted reporters in their accounts of suicides. murders, and the crimes growing out of the relations of the sexes. Why the gift of good editing should be denied Louisville has always been a serious problem but no community of equal magnitude in the United States is more shamefully unsatisfactory in the character of its papers. *The Journal*, despite its wide reputation, is a dreary aggregate of badly arranged platitudes and pointless though pretentious news paragraphs. The Democrat is scarcely better. On the whole, The Courier stands first in that city, and its standing is very

Of individual papers The Nashville Republican Banr is distinguishable for the verve and pungency of its editing: The La Croix Democrat is the most virulent and the journals of St. Paul, Minnesota, are perhaps without rivals in the art of making a very little go a great ways. We had intended to speak in detail of several minor newspapers that exhibit exceptional enterprise in particular directions, but space fails us, and we must confine ourselves at this point to the remark that in regard to typography, moral tone, and literary qualities the press of the West cannot compare with New England; in respect to news, it excels in the abundance of its matter, but not in completeness; while in general arrangement of contents, the great dailies surpass and the lesser journals are on a level with their eastern rivals. Western journalism, moreover, is broad, enthusiastic, and full of promise. It is yet in its infancy, and the cradle contains a possible Hercules.

The great Middle States are represented by a press

fluence. And it is a curious fact that the journals of which this can least be said are, after all, the most characterless and inefficient. The Baltimore papers, for example, have not received any marked impress from those of New York ; and they are notable for nothing unless it be for a certain abstentation from sensations. Journalism in Washington is equally exempt from the charge of imitating that of New York; and it is flat, stale, and unprofitable to a degree that merits special investigation. Of the really excellent newspapers now published in the central states there are only a very few that we can mention by name. In Philadelphia there are The Ledger, concerning which we spoke in our last article; The North American, which has the Boston vice of bad arrangement, but is otherwise very competent; The Press, which is only prevented from being a model paper by the surprising healthiness of its proprietor: The Age, which is one of the stanchest, boldest, and ablest exponents of the school of politics at present least popular with the northern masses; and three worthless evening papers. New Jersey is markedly but not inexplicably sterile in its journalism. ever, The Newark Advertiser, one of the oldest publications in the country, is also one of the best conducted. and though of less influence to-day than formerly, it may fairly be held as a redeeming feature in the il·literature of the Camden and Amboy principality. In New York State, probably the best provincial news paper is The Troy Times. Buffalo is also quite efficiently supplied by two journals that have the happy faculty of gathering a great mass of local intelligence. The Utica Herald warrants mention for vivacity, and The Troy Whig has many praiseworthy points. Syracuse has its Journal, which exhibits no little alertness in catching up the weightier facts in current history, and has one page curiously enough devoted to a daily bulletin of fresh dramatic and musical gossip. Albany, strangely enough, does not satisfy the reasonable requirements of its positithe seat of state legislation. Indeed its papers would be almost beneath criticism were it not for the occasional forcibleness of their editorial opinions. The Argus and The Journal are, of course, the best, and the latter surpasses its rival in dignity and the carefulness of its news miscellany. Other journals in the central states that are meritorious in one direction or another are The Commercial and The Gazette, of Pittsburg, The Doylestown Democrat, and the paper of the same name published at Rochester. All these sheets have the deficiencies pointed out as inherent to the folio; but as regards repres tone they are midway between the faults of the East and of the West. The conservativeness of their politics is repeated in their editorial management.

The South, at the present time, shows a natural prostration in its journals. The slow process of recon tion has paralyzed the community and reacted on the press. During the rebellion the Richmond papers were remarkable for the lilt and pungency of their editorials. But they are now only organs of discontent, and perform their functions with a negligence that is not wholly without excuse. Charleston has always had efficient papers, and it still holds its own. New Orleans is swamped with news sheets, double, triple, and quadruple. If the advertising were as lucrative as it is prodigous, the newspaper proprietors would be millionaires. We suspect, however, that the hypothesis fails from the incorrectness of the premises. Editorially, neither The Picayune nor The Times can be quoted as examples of perfection in their sphere. They are gossippy, Parislike, and discursive; but the leaders are limp, and without that energy of conviction which imparts power to ideas. The same cannot be said of The Crescent, which, with some drawbacks, has some of the characteristics of the best family paper in the country. One phase of Louisiana journalism is the mixture of French with English reading matter, a result of the strong Creole element, which also compels a publication of the statutory law in the Gallic tongue.

In closing our survey of provincial journalism, we are compelled to say that it is on the whole very far from what ought fairly to be anticipated from it. The future will probably prove remedial, but the crying faults of the existing press are precisely those which might be corrected in the present time. Emphatically may this be asserted in regard to the character of criminal reporting, which is a flagrant vice of the vast majority of papers in America, although we have not found space for its adequate reprehension. The Boston Transcript is creditably xempt from this criticism, while it has developed a new field-that of the tea-table and family circle. pily Transcripts are not in the habit of multiplying themselves, and their absence is a moral loss. publishers under the cover of a neat sophism—the point 1867 nals of a most and a most are special actions. In the is flat, special actions and the is flat, special actions are there are last on vice and the is flat, special action action and action ac

-obtrude the shameless details of secret or exceptional offences, gather up vague, untruthful, or scandalous gos sip, heighten each picture with the cheapest of rhetorical ochre, and then spread the public table with their highly seasoned fare. Vice grows upon its own exhibition. The suicide of to-day finds his impulse and justification in the event of yesterday, as was strangely illustrated in the repetition of the King tragedy in New York low life scarcely forty-eight hours after the publication of its prototype. Crime, fostered by criminal recital, becomes what algebraists name a "constant," and the newspaper proprietor is never at a loss for fresh poison and its corollary of fresh gains. The provincial press is not, however, single in this lucrative sin, and its main blame is as particeps criminis. Apart from this grave fault, which, we re gret to say, shows no visible abatement, the non-metro politan papers are apparently under a slow process of improvement. The war did much by killing off the weak and strengthening the strong. The Atlantic cable, by presenting only brief statements of current events, and thus forcing publicists into some knowledge of European move ments, is also developing the press in no inconsiderable degree. All this leaven is still at work; other agencies, the product of new conditions, are making themselves felt; the future is also pregnant with social problems which will unquestionably react upon the journalism of the country. Keeping these facts in full view, we think there is more reason for hope than fear; and that a favorable prediction would be justifiable, if prediction were ever justifiable in a transition period.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editors of The Round Table, desirous of encouraging bold and free discussion, do not exact of their correspondents an agreement with their own views; they, therefore, beg to state that they do not hold themselves responsible for what appears under this heading, as they do for the editorial expression of the localizations. their opinions.

LONDON.

London, June 8, 1867. Our mania for horse-racing has never reached a greater height than in this present year, though there are signs in our papers of a reaction against it. To quiet folks, indeed, it has become an intolerable nuisance. Among high and low, rich and poor, the merits of Hippia and Hermit and Achievement form almost the sole topic of conversation, and even the most pious of our journals are compelled to devote an occasional half column to these profane topics. The by-streets and railway arches of the city are filled with groups of seedy, dirty, unshaven men and flashy, "horsey" looking gents conferring in mysterious whispers on the last quotation of the betting list; and our main thoroughfares are literally blocked up by the crowds waiting to gather the latest intelligence about the racing event of the day. There was a time when the offices of the sporting newspapers were the only spots where this nuisance was to be found, and then we had but two papers specially devoted to this subject. Now we have more sporting papers, from one penny up wards, than I am able to remember the names of, and all endeavor to draw attention to themselves by posting early information on sporting matters in their windows What is worse even, pufling tradesmen have lately taken to exhibiting tissue-paper copies of the freshest race-course telegrams in their shop-fronts, as the only way of attract ing the gaze of the multitude, to such an extent that people in a hurry now prefer to make their way through back streets and by circuitous passages. The recent heavy losses of the professional backers in the matter of the great "Derby" and "Oaks" races seem to have directed attention to the whole subject of horse-racing and its effects upon the morals of the people. Old Lord Palmerston, who rarely missed an opportunity of flattering popular vices, once compared our Derby to the "Isthmian games," and succeeded in laughing down an earnest member of Parliament, who was for debating on that day upon some topic of great importance to the national welfare; but I think the time is not distant when it will be seen that the earnest member of Parliament in question had the best of the argument. The fact is—as, indeed, Lord Palmerston knew very well—that the mere race itself has very little to do with the excitement. love of gambling is the real secret of the thing. But for this does any one suppose that a whole nation would go frenzied about some thirty horses dashing round a chalk down? Up to a recent period there was just as much excitement here about a great government lottery, but nobody imagined that that arose from any abstract delight in seeing two boys draw papers out of two wheels The gamblers of those days honestly confessed that their motive was to make money by a lucky turn; now the same class talk about "Isthmian games;" "fine manly great landed proprietors and their dependents.

sport" (sometimes they say "English sport," by which they mean the same thing); "encouraging the breed of horses," etc., as if the breed of horses would not be kept up in any case as long as it is worth while to do it. Meanwhile every Derby day brings its stories of ruined men and its crop of insolvencies and suicides. It is lamentable to think that our upper class are the chief abettors of this mischievous mania. Our great aristocratic organ, The Saturday Review, alarmed at some attacks on the betting system, came out the other day with an elaborate defence of it, the chief point of which was that the city speculator who risks his all upon some prospective rise or fall in grey shirtings, molasses, Brazilian mines, or railway shares is worse than the racing-man. Nobody but The Saturday Review and its aristocratic readers will, perhaps, have seen the force of this argument. "Betting (says the writer) is in truth much less pernicious than a good deal of city speculation; for the man who ruins himself, because he trusts in the wrong set of legs or the wrong stable, generally brings nobody else down in his fall;" but this is notoriously contrary to the truth, as many families and friends, connections and employers, of betting men could testify only too well. "Betting (says the same writer) may be a bad thing because it "Betting has ruined A. or B. But then from this point of view it may also appear to be an immensely good thing, because, though A. and B. have lost enormously, and D. have won enormously; whatever has come out of the pockets of the one has found its way into the pockets of the other." The Saturday Reviewer does not see, or, in his haste to pander to upperclass follies, will not see, that this is precisely the objection to it. It is as mischievous for C. and D. to have been taught to rely on luck for their gains as to A. and B. to have been taught that the highway to Epsom is the road to ruin. But reform will come in this as in other things. The lottery is gone; the prize-ring, cock-fighting, and the other gambling delights of our ancestors are no more and the racing mania, although it now looks so strong, and is even deriving a fresh impetus from the newly. developed passion of the French for "le sport," is assur edly doomed.

England has seldom witnessed so curious a confusion of political parties as the position of affairs now exhibits Some of the Liberals are beginning to think that the Conservatives are going too far in their bid for popular favor, and in the eyes of such Tories as Lord Cranbourne Lord Carnarvon, the Hon. Robert Lowe, and General Peel all the landmarks of their party are being swept away, while the leader of the Conservatives has deserted their principles. The real fact of the matter is that the present reform bill will only transfer the power from the small shopkeepers, assuredly the most venal class of voters, to the more intelligent of the artisan class. The Whigs have been kept in office a long time solely by the votes of the honorable citizens who are being constantly hauled up for using false weights and measures, and the old Whig families look with as much disfavor on any extension of the suffrage as the most aristocratic of Tories, The Whigs have worshipped the reform bill of 1832 ever since it was passed, and the great landed proprietors of the party have been in coalition with the small shopkeepers to keep the good things of office for themselves and give the shopkeeping class all the power in elections. This, of course, has corrupted the Whigs, whose sole aim has been to retain office, and it has had an equally corrupting influence on the shopkeeper by making his political influence of so much importance at elections. The man who receives a bribe-I do not mean merely a money bribe-in this country is not the starving working man who sells his vote to buy bread, as some romance writers have asserted, but the well-to-do shopkeeper, who probably is great in the vestry and respected in the parish. The Whig monopoly of power and their slavish admiration of the settlement of 1832 have had a most depressing influence on that spread of political opinion without which no nation can preserve self-respect and good government. The shopkeeper has frequently no opinions save those which are brought into active opera on by the administration of patronage, and whether Whig or Tory he is generally timid and conservative. No class in this country is more deficient in public spirit and political morality. The disfranchisement, however, of Lancaster, Totnes, Reigate, and Great Yarmouth, owing to the disclosures before the Royal Commissions, will teach these gentlemen a most salutary lesson. What effect the considerable extension of the franchise which is the chief feature of the present reform, will have upon purity of elections it is impossible at present to foresee. Things can hardly be worse than they are now, when the great majority of borough voters have their prices, and the country voters have been entirely composed of

Your papers have no doubt copied Mr. Carlyle's indigant protest against the foolish appeal of his friend Rus kin on his behalf against the Chelsea "roughs." Of late years poor Ruskin appears to have completely lost his ead on all matters out of his original field of art criticism. Mr. Carlyle was evidently as much astonished as himself when he found his remarks on the tendency of Chelsea boys to regard his felt hat as an unwarrantable breach of the laws of fashion made the ground of an attack in his name on the poor people of Chelsea and fifteen miles around as foul, degraded, and intolerant of every man who happened to be "old and clean." Mr. Carlyle does not mention his friend Ruskin in his repudiation of all this nonsense, but the affair must have been an unpleasant one between them. Anyway, Mr. Carlyle ought to be the best authority on the question; and if he says that Ruskin's complaints are "curiously the very reverse of the truth," his dictum must be allowed to be conclusive. As to Mr. Carlyle's practice of walking abroad at night, I can certify that it was a kabit of his when, if he was just as clean as he is now, he was certainly not old enough to attract attention on that score. Many a long year back I have met him after midnighteven as late as between 1 and 2 A.M. on occasions—in the streets, with his thick, rough stick, taking his constitutional walk before retiring to rest. The Chelsea "roughs" and the London poor generally may, I think, fairly demand that Mr. Ruskin should make a public apology for his unjust charges and the inferences which he founded upon them, but as yet he puts forth no explanation.

Our Spectator quoted the other day a very clever pardy on Browning's Lost Leader, which appeared in The Oul here and which you may have seen—Mr. Disraeli being, of course, the "lost leader" of the parody. It is from the pen of Mr. H. Saville Clarke, a new writer in Punch, The Oul, and other journals, and a rising man in verse-writing, both serious and comic. I shall be much mistaken if his name does not one day become more familiar to the public.

REVIEWS.

All books designed for review in The Round Table must be sent to the office.

WANDERING AMERICANS.*

DROF. HOPPIN ought to have given us the best of the books of travel which our countrymen are just now publishing so profusely. His circuit of England was well-planned and comprehensive; his connection with Yale evidently afforded him access where ordinary tourists would be excluded; his culture as a man of letters fitted him to comprehend and appreciate much that others might fail to discover, yet he has given us an extraordinarily dull book. Apparently, it is simply an amplification of notes in a diary-a succession of guideook facts, historical reminiscences, parallels between Old and New England, digressions upon art, literature, theology, and kindred topics, with occasional incidents of travel. Such good books have been made out of these ingredients that it is surprising to see how poor a one Prof. Hoppin gets from them. His general plan is to go in search of places where great people-poets, authors, statesmen, Puritans-have lived, and then to write out all he thought when he found himself where they had been and all he happened to remember about them. subject that engrosses most attention is the cathedrals, which we have a succession of descriptions strikingly inferior to those of Southey's article forty years ago in The Quarterly Review and a sort of supplement to it in

* I. Old England: Its Scenery, Art, and People. By James M. oppin, professor in Yale College. New York: Hurd & Hough-

loppin, professor in Yale College. New 1018, 12416 Con. 1847.

II. The Land of Thor. By J. Ross Browne. New York: Harer & Bros. 1867.

III. The Champagne Country. By Robert Tomes. New York: lind & Houghton. 1867.

IV. Isthmus of Panama: History of the Panama Railroad and of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., together with a Traveller's finide, etc. By F. N. Otis, M.D. New York: Harper & Bros.

867. V. The Romance of the Age; or, The Discovery of Gold in Cali-ornia. By Edward E. Dunbar. New York; D. Appleton & Co. VI. A Sketch of the Route to California, China, and Japan, rid to Isthmus of Panama. San Francisco and New York: A. Ro-an & Co. 1867.
VII. Chinese and English Phrase-Book. By Benoni Lanctot.

vIII. A Youth's History of California. By Lucia Norman. The

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IX. Our New States and Territories; being Notes of a Recent Tour of Observation through Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Newada, Oregon, Mondana, Washington Territory, and California. By Albert D. Richardson. New York; Beadle & Co. 1887.

X. Appleton's Hand-book of American Travel. The Northern Tour. By Edward H. Hall. Ninth Annual Edition. New York; D. Appleton & Co. 1887.

XI. Tourists and Invalids Guide to the Northwest. Compiled by Charles H. Swetser. New York; American News Co.; Chicago: Western News Co. 1867.

XII. The Mineral Waters of the United States and Canada. By J. J. Moorman, M. D. Baltimore; Kelly & Piet. 1867.

XIII. Cuide to West Point. New York; D. Van Nostrand. 1867.

XIV. Maga Excursion Papers. New York; G. P. Putnam & Son, 1861.

the same publication about a year since. Next to the cathedrals, the sermons he heard have most strongly impressed Prof. Hoppin, who gives their texts and outlines them in detail, with criticisms of the preachers and their manner. Of a piece with this peculiarity is his constant enunciation of bits of pious platitude used to round off his accounts of customs and manners where deductions might safely have been left to the intelligence of his readers, without forcing upon them his orthodox conclusion of "Let us at least so hope." His chapters upon the universities and occasional passages here and there show that our author could write profitably if he would only be content not to be critical, analytic, or didactic, and if he would pay as much regard to the graces of language as we hope his colleagues exact from the students under their charge. We do not think he could be amusing under any circumstances, his most elaborate effort in that direction culminating in the excessively bad pun of calling the behavior of the Oxford students "boys-terous." Prof. Hoppin is, we believe, a very worthy and efficient member of the faculty to which he belongs, but his forte evidently does not consist in writing, and we may express our hope that for his own sake and that of his as sociates he will not do it again.

In as marked contrast to Old England as may be is Mr. Ross Browne's Land of Thor, a narrative of experiences in Russia, Scandinavia, and Iceland, with dips into Denmark and Scotland. The greater part of the book we have read at different times within the last five years in Harper's Monthly, where, possibly, all of it has appeared, though there are more than a hundred pages that are new to us, and that, from their destitution of the illustrations so abundant elsewhere, we imagine were printed previously, if at all, in some other publication. The Land of Thor is decidedly Mr. Browne's best book Being his, it of course has those characteristics to which we took exception in his American Family in Germanya general uproariousness of manner characteristic of that Californian civilization he eulogizes with a frequency and ardor that become offensive. In fact, the book is often broad, sometimes disgusting, as what is termed "Ameri. can humor "is apt to be. Nevertheless, it is impossible not to enjoy the bonhomie and good temper, the keen perception of fun wherever it does exist and resolute effort to fabricate it where it does not, which we have come to associate with this author's name. Mr. Browne is the American Sala, and we believe we speak without national prejudice when we pronounce the American's humor much better than the Englishman's and compare the Russian chapters of this book with Mr. Sala's Journey Due North in support of our position. Russia, however, is but a dirty and disgusting subject, and we enjoy our travels with Mr. Browne better from the time we get away from it and into what we presume he means by the "Land of Thor." This part of the book abounds in admirable scenes, among which we may instance the author's visit to good Hans Christian Andersen and his unmerciful propensity for quizzing his simple-minded Icelandic guide, Geir Zöega. Two of his own remarks afford a fair clue to the character of his books. "Much as I enjoy the natural beauties of a country through which I travel," he says, "they never afford me as much pleasure as the study of a peculiar race of people." The other is occasioned by Zöega's surprise at the adventures he found described in the books of certain travellers whom he had accompanied. "I deemed it judicious to explain to him that gentlemen who travelled all the way to Iceland were bound to see something and meet with some thrilling adventures. If they didn't tell of very remarkable things, nobody would care about reading their books. This was the great art of travel; it was not exactly lying, but putting on colors to give the picture effect." Indeed, it is by an insouciant frankness of this kind that Mr. Ross Browne disarms criticism. He is, we fear, incorrigible but, with all his faults, he is better than many who have none of them; and if he would only consent to forget California, both in respect to his use of the long bow and in the discreet selection of topics for those digressions to which he is addicted, and would write for the civilized regions in which he finds most of his readers, it would be difficult to find a pleasanter companion of voyage.

The last of the European books on our list is Mr. Tomes's description of the Champagne region of northeastern France, more especially of Rheims-pronounced by its people, he tells us, as if it were spelled Ransthere he spent some two years as consular agent. For this position he has no great respect:

stamping a portentous seal of office upon each invoice of wine exported from Rheims to the United States. This function, in the especial case of champagne—the only article of direct export—being entirely unnecessary, was of no service to the government, and a very serious obstruction and heavy expense to trade. The duty on champagne is nominally ad valorem, but in reality specific, for the market-price of the wine at Rheims never rises high enough to bring the duty beyond the minimum of six dollars a dozen, specified in our tariff. Let the wine-merchants of Rheims invoice their merchandise at the highest or lowest price, they cannot by any possibility pay more or less than six dollars."

This testimony to the wisdom displayed in the adjustment of our taxes becomes of especial interest at this time from the champagne cases now under adjudication our courts. Mr. Tomes gives us a very good account of the sleepy old provincial town and of its society and people, and his descriptions of the grey old cathedral and the legends that cluster about it are as admirable examples of what such descriptions should be as Prof. Hoppin's are of what they should not. But Mr. Tome devotes himself chiefly to the cultivation of the grape and its manufacture into champagne, which he evidently comprehends thoroughly and sets forth in a manner that must force not a few soi-disant connoisseurs in champagne to own themselves but sciolists. It is a book in which epicures will delight and from which they may profit, and while we can promise the general reader much pleasure from its perusal, it is to them we specially commend it.

Dr. Otis's Isthmus of Panama brings us to our own side of the water, especially to the transportation companies named in its title and whose history is pretty fully given. Most of this book, also, of those portions, at least, which are readable, we believe we have encountered before in Harper; the pictures have certainly been there. The story is not without interest as a narration of the tremendous difficulties encountered and overcome in opening the new route from ocean to ocean, which was so to shorten the distance from the shores of the north ern Atlantic to the continent and islands of the Pacific. But the reader will not go far before he discovers that he is perusing simply a puff, one whose exaggerated laudations of railroad builders and bits of obituary of the - are too insufferably newspapery to late lamented find legitimate place between covers. When half-way through he will become involved in tables of distances, tariffs of freight, time-tables, and unconcealed advertise ments, from which he finally emerges into gazetteerish accounts of the Central and South American states People who have anything to do with the Panama Railroad will read the book with extreme satisfaction; no others, we imagine, could be brought to read it on any terms. It probably has something to do-we have not spent much thought in determining what-with the prospective rivalry from the Pacific Railroad. We have before spoken of Mr. Dunbar's Discovery of Gold in California, and return to it now for the purpose of advising those interested by Dr. Otis's narrative of the Panama route to collate the two. The books refer to the same period and are closely connected in subject, but Mr. Dunbar gives a straightforward, unvarnished account of the outrageous treatment and hardships experienced by the first steamer passengers to San Francisco, upon which "Old Californians" are wont to discourse so eloquently, but as to which the companies' historian preserves com plete silence.

Another work, and an interesting and needed one, which explicitly traverses some of Dr. Otis's eulogiums of the Panama Railroad Company, comes to us from San Francisco in a little guide-book to China and Japan by the route of the Isthmus and the city whence the book comes Though the writer is much impressed by the grand future of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and the revolution it is to make in Asiatic commerce, his some what enthusiastic commendations of the new line of travel seem attributable to no inclination to puffery, but rather to that excited sense of the great importance to California of the enterprise with which the communities of the Pacific coast have been agog for the last six months. The book-which he explains was completed within six days from its commencement, in order to be available for the passengers by the first steamer of the new line, which sailed for China on January 1-is intended in a great measure for the European traveller, and accordingly commences the trip at New York. This city, however, es over briefly, takes us over the route described by Dr. Otis, giving a much less involved and more inter-"I became soon heartily ashamed of my consular vocation, which seemed to serve no other purpose than to place obstructions in the way of commerce, and put fees in my pockets, or rather in those of the United States consul at Paris, who took the lion's share of them. My chief duty was to receive thirteen francs and fifty cen times (two dollars and a half) for signing my name and

determined. The book, we think, establishes its point, which is that to the European traveller there are great advantages in the new route-by New York, the Isthmus, Acapulco, San Francisco, and Yokohama to Hong Kong -over that from Alexandria over the Isthmus of Suez, down the Red Sea to Aden, across the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal, Straits of Malacca, and China Seas. advantages consist partly in the more agreeable climate through which the western trip lies, little of it being within the tropics, partly in the more interesting regions it traverses, chiefly in the lower cost and shorter time-the proposed length of the voyage from New York to Yokoha. ma being 48 days, to Hong Kong 54, to Shanghai 581, while the vessels are remarkably safe and commodious. An incidental evidence of the expectations entertained at San Francisco from this new communication with the farthest East is afforded by the companion volume to that of which we have just spoken. We mentioned last week the new English-Japanese dictionary just completed, and we have here, from Mr. Lanctot, a Chinese and English Phrase-Book. Like other phrase-books, it assorts according to their subjects the most essential phrases for business and social intercourse, collating the English and Chinese words in their respective characters, and accompanying the latter by their pronunciation expressed in our own letters. The dialect used is the Cantonese, which is that of most of the Chinamen in this country, and is un derstood throughout China and by the merchants and educated classes of Japan. As the Chinese read with almost Yankee universality, this little book will make rudimentary communication possible without a word being spoken; and, moreover, the brief examination we have given it has sufficiently familiarized us with several of the characters and their sounds to make it seem by no means impossible to learn to read it with not very much greater difficulty than arises from the alphabets of the languages of western Asia.

In her History of California, Miss-or Mrs.-Norman gives of that state a really comprehensive account, which without being childish, is within the comprehension of juvenile readers, and in point of dimension is such as to attract not only them, but older folk who would like to know about California if they can do so by an hour's reading, but would rather remain ignorant than plunge into a formidable volume. Commencing with literally the earliest period of its discovery-the days of Columbus Americus Vespucius, Cortez, Cabeza, the Spaniards generally, and the Jesuit missions-more than half the little book is devoted to a time anterior to that of Sutter and the events detailed by Mr. Dunbar. Then we have in their order the narration of the well-known events that followed, the anarchy, the conquest by Frémont and Stockton and cession to the United States, the discovery of gold, the Indian war, Walker's filibustering expedi tions, the establishment of social peace and order by the iron hand of the Vigilance Committee, the rapid growth of the state, and, finally, that complacent sketch of present things and confident sketch of the future which are naturally so characteristic of all Californian thought. The book is a highly meritorious and interesting one. To this region of the far West belongs likewise the pamphlet of Mr. Albert D. Richardson, who, in company with Mr. Greeley, with Mr. Colfax and his party, and under other auspices, has made incursions in all directions into our Pacific states and territories. His very readable descriptions of them in letters to The Tribune and in a book called The Great West, or The Far West, are too well known to need our assurance of the interest of his observations. The present collection is well worth reading, being apparently an assemblage of magazine articles, but defaced by hideous cheap woodcuts. This incident of travel in Colorado affords one of the explanations of the rapid strides of civilization and prosperity in our vast territory:

"One night when we rolled up to a lonely station, miles from any other human habitation, the stock-tender, ragged, shaggy, sunbrowned, and unkempt, put his lattern up to our coach window and asked, 'Gentlemen, can you spare me a newspaper? I have not seen one for a week, and can't endure it much longer. I will give you a dollar for any newspaper in the United States not more than ten days old."

The next work on our list is the Messrs. Appleton's handsome guide-book of the entire United States, inclusive of the Territories and the British Provinces. The maps are really very fine; instructions as to routes, precautions of travel, objects worthy of observation, etc., full and reliable; and the guide is, on the whole, one by whose assistance any stranger could make his way through the country with comfort and satisfaction. We have here and there made examinations of the descriptive paragraphs relating to different cities and towns, which, almost without exception, abound in errors of detail, most of which are erroneous by reason of their being anti-

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THE MÜHLBACH NOVELS.*

amended in subsequent editions—a matter for which the THE last of these novels of which we spoke † is so much editor provides by inviting corrections from tourists and others. The other fault we notice is a much graver one and consists of so deliberate a system of puffing only those shops, banking-houses, and hotels which advertise

of the same character with the others of the Frederick the Great series that we may pass the first two in our list with the explanation that they continue the narrative of Frederick's life, of court intrigues, of passages of romance in the career of those about the court, with the same verisimilitude that marked their predecessors. and with such unity of style and constant reappearance of familiar characters that they may be considered as constituting a single historical novel in several volumes. while at the same time each has the unity of one of Mr. Trollope's similarly connected books.

seldom flags, and they pour a rich, clear flood of life on

coins, with their equivalents in our money. In another good-sized volume Dr. Moorman, who has for thirty years been the resident-physician at the de-lightful White Sulphur Springs in south-western Virginia, gives the results of his investigations into the properties of the different mineral springs which occur with more or less frequency throughout the country. It is unnecessary to follow him into his descriptions of these favorite resorts, most of which are well known and many of which afford such delightful summer retreats. But the work is one that should be in the hands of all who visit them in quest of health, many of whom show such a marvellous capacity for going to just the spring that can by no possibility benefit them. Dr. Moorman, after long and careful observation, has at different times published several guides, which have grown into the one before us, wherein he treats in ample detail of the springs as medicinal agents, and directs invalids and tourists as to the routes to, we imagine, every spring of note in the country.

quated and are of but little importance, yet which should

in the book as we supposed could only obtain among

third-rate newspapers. In a work of this kind such a

practice is discreditable in the extreme, and goes far to

destroy one's confidence in it. In this connection we may

mention that the same firm has issued a Tourist's Map of

Central Europe, some three feet by four in size, folding

within pasteboard covers, that may be contained in the

pocket. The map, which is admirably executed, gives every railway station within its limits—these being ter-

minated by lines cutting or just without London on the

west, Copenhagen on the north, Marseilles and Leghorn

on the south, and admitting all Poland and part of Rus-

sia on the east. The cover, also, gives tables of foreign

For invalids afflicted with pulmonary complaints a much needed collection of advice and instruction is contained in Mr. Charles H. Sweetser's Guide to the Northwest-the refuge whence so many who have gone thither apparently hopeless consumptives return rejuvenated and robust. Mr. Sweetser has made two tours through Dacotah, Minnesota, and Lake Superior, and describes that delightful region with enthusiasm and with ample instructions, drawn from his own experience, to the tourist and sportsman as well as to invalids. His cautions concerning the seasons and circumstances under which the latter should go thither deserve their careful consideration, and will no doubt prevent much of the imprudence committed by those in quest of health.

The last of the guide-books before us is the little pocket volume concerning West Point and the beautiful country about the Hudson. Its maps are capital, its historical accounts of the Revolutionary associations, of the various objects of interest about the Military Academy, and of the mode of life there, are at once graphic and terse, and will enable its possessor, if need be, to dispense with any other cicerone without inconvenience. To the list is soon to be added a new edition of Mr. Henry M. Burt's Connecticut Valley Guide, of which, at the opening of the travelling season last summer, we had occasion to speak in terms of commendation* as a pleasant companion from New York to Lake Memphremagog. For the benefit of German tourists, Mr. E. Steiger, of Philadelphia, has contributed to the Californian department of this style of literature a work prepared by Mr. Carl Rühl.

A publication that can be dispensed with by no travellers on routes with which they are unfamiliar is Appleton's Railway Guide, a collection of maps and time-tables of all the roads in the country which we have always found entirely reliable, with the exception that steamboat lines are nearly ignored, which is the occasion of frequent doubt and annoyance. A similar work, which is less expensive and answers all the requirements of those who use only the roads and steamers out of New York, is published by Messrs. Benedict Bros., the keepers of the city time and regulators of most of the railroad Both of these guides are issued fortnightly, with corrections up to the time of their appearance.

A pleasant little pocket volume of summer reading is farnished by Mr. Putnam from the resources of his magazine, which he has drawn upon for a dozen or more pleasant articles of excursion, travel, and adventure, in different parts of the world. They might be pronounced uniformly capital in their way but for the presence of some Wood-Notes which are painfully sophomorical, and of which their author, whoever he may be, has doubtless long ago repented himself.

the Prussian court history of the day. Joseph II. and His Court is deservedly the most popular of the Mühlbach novels. It came originally to us at the North in the not very attractive garb to which Southern publishers during the war were compelled to resort, and bore a stronger resemblance to a mediæval black-letter book than to a production of modern times-It has grievous faults, particularly in its lack of artistic construction. It is too long, too discursive, and lacks dramatic unity; there is none of the ever-widening and intensifying plan that should characterize the historical novel; there is no natural climax, and, in fact, as a dramatic work it is essentially bad. But that it has attained popularity in spite of these blemishes, attests its really great merit. Covering the golden era of Austrian history, it deals with the actors of the time with an unequalled glow and enthusiasm. The Great Queen and her imperious minister are depicted in domestic and public life with such vividness that the reader catches the enthusiasm of the writer and feels the unaccountable sensation of sympathy with Austria and her national policy. It is the more satisfactory since the main features of the work are actually and literally historical. In the accurate and conscientious sketch of Joseph in Coxe's House of Austria, or the hurried court sketches of Vehse, we find the bare facts which Miss Mühlbach has vivified and wrought into a marvellous story. The sad life of Joseph II. is the undercurrent of the book and imparts to it a tinge of pathos which is not its least interesting feature. It is difficult to select in all history a more melancholy life than that of this emperor,—a warm-hearted, clear-minded man, alive to the wants of his people and feeling the strong current of the new ideas of civil and religious liberty and equality then beginning fairly to take practical shape in Europe, yet so imprudent in his efforts to reform his own kingdom and to root out the oppression of an untaxed nobility and burdensome priesthood, as to have made the very name of reform odious. It seemed to his people that everything they loved was going from them; and as the last act of his life, to prevent a revolution against his well-meant measures of reform, he retraced all the distinctive steps of his life and replaced Austria where he found her. He is responsible for her present backward position among the nations of Europe in respect to civil and religious liberty and the countless advantages attendant upon them. He made the name of liberty detestable to his people, and hence it came that the wave of reform and revolution which swept over the nations of Europe at the beginning of the century passed Austria by. Joseph II. laid a heavy burden upon the shoulders of Francis Joseph in the rule of the nation when it awoke in 1848, conscious of its degradation, ugly, unruly, and rebellious. Could these emperors have changed places Austrian history would have been less As it is, the life of Joseph II. is that of a highminded, intelligent, and pure ruler, living half a century

In her Henry VIII. Miss Mühlbach's reading of the monarch's character and her description of him in his later years is simply absurd. We cannot blame her that her Henry is not the self-sacrificing statesman in whose honor Mr. Froude has reconstructed history. Nor is it surprising that, with her national predilections and with the impressions she has gathered from such historians as Burnet, Tytler, Leti, she should give us the generally accepted tyrant, actuated by no other motives than cruelty, revenge, bloodthirstiness, malevolence, and lust. Yet, ranting all this, the monster she sets before us is too utterly preposterous for belief. And, what is still worse, most of the incidents introduced in evidence of his demoniacal propensities are historically false. Of course, a rigid adher-

* I. Berlin and Sans-Souci; or, Frederick the Great and His riends. By Louisa Mühlbach. New York: D. Appleton & Co.

ence to accepted history is neither to be expected nor desired in a work of this kind. The historical novelist may very properly claim considerable latitude in the invention of dramatic situations and of scenes which are endered probable, or even possible, by known events in the lives of their actors, or which are illustrative of the characters attributed to them. But he may not introduce those which are false in fact or do not accord with other known facts. All this our author understands well enough, as is attested by a brief essay on the historical romance which bears her own name, Clara Mundt. Thus, the license is perfectly allowable which portrays Lord Thomas Seymour's double love for the queen, Catharine Parr, and for the Princess Elizabeth; which represents him as, influenced by ambition and the expectation that the dowager would be made regent, jilting the princess in her favor, and then, repenting his mistaken calcula-tions when freed by the death of his wife, again addressing the princess, to be repulsed by her with scorn. Here the harmony with real events is such as to warrant the gratuitous explanations and minor incidents attached to them. The same is the case with the use of the king's fool-who, by the way, strikingly resembles one employed in a similar capacity by Mr. G. P. R. James—as the ally of the queen and Cranmer in frustrating the villanous plots of Gardiner and Douglas for the ruin of Protestantism and of them as its bulwarks. But we question the propriety of making King Henry anticipate General Jackson in swearing "By the Eternal!"—of describing Elizabeth as "very beautiful," and adding that her eyes gleamed with the fire of passion; her cheeks glowed; and about her crimson lips there played a gentle, happy smile;"—of accounting for Henry's ludicrous misadventure with Anne of Cleves by making him "fall in love with her picture," when it is notorious that it was not until the claims of the various princesses of Europe had been earnestly canvassed in council and Anne determined upon, that the mendacious portrait was painted to beguile the monarch into an alliance whereat he revolted; in spite of which our author gives this foolish version: So the king fell in love with a picture, and sent ambassadors to Germany to bring the original of the portrait to England as his bride;"-or of putting into the mouth of the king so absurd a speech as this:

"'Yes, Kate, make me a request and, whatever it may be, I pledge you my royal word it shall be granted you. Now, Kate, think what will please you! Will you have brilliants, or a castle by the sea, or, perhaps, a yacht? Would you like fine horses, or it may be some one has offended you and you would like his head? If so, tell me, Kate, and you shall have his head; a wink from me and it drops at your feet. For I am almighty and all-powerful, and no one is so innocent and pure that my will cannot find in him a crime which will cost him his life. Speak, then, Kate, what would you have? What will gladden your heart?"

These are after all but minor points. Not so is the account given of so important an event as the failure of the plots of Gardiner against the Queen and the prelate's dismission in disgrace—a matter of moment in itself and on which, furthermore, the interest of the story is made to turn. Of the version which Miss Mühlbach has adopted Mr. Froude speaks thus: "Unvouched for, unalluded to by any contemporary authority as yet discovered, diluted through Protestant tradition through two generations, till it reached the ears of Foxe, the popular legend can pretend to no authenticity," and in a foot-note the historian adds, "Foxe has weakened his story by a blunder in the only point on which we are able to test it. He connects the attack on the Queen with Gardiner's disgrace; and Gardiner's disgrace only followed on the discovery of Lord Surrey's designs upon the regency Miss Mühlbach has some time before had Surrey executed for a very different crime] in the ensuing Decem-A still more glaring defiance of facts is shown in the whole story of Anne Askew, "the Faire Gospeller,' whom Miss Mühlbach represents as entering into an altercation with the king and inciting him to a display of brutal ferocity which ends in her notable condemnation and death-all of which happened as differently as possible, Wriothesley, Bonner, and Gardiner having been the persecutors and torturers, not the king, who, so far as we have ever read, had nothing to do with it except in this author's fancy. The book is a tissue of similar false statements which we have neither space nor patience to detail further. On this account, though its interest is extreme and its plot well devised, it is highly discreditable to its author and should not be placed in the hands of any likely to derive historical impressions from it.

The translations of all these volumes are unusually praiseworthy. On the appearance of the first of the series we had occasion to censure the slovenliness of the manner in which this work had been done by Mrs. Coleman and her daughters. But the two Fred-

^{*} THE ROUND TABLE, No. 48, Vol. IV., p. 7.

^{667.}II. Frederick the Great and His Family. The same.

III. Joseph II. and His Court. The same.

IV. Henry VIII. and His Court; or, Catharine Parr. The

[†] THE ROUND TABLE, Jan. 5, 1867, No. 102, p. 12; article, The Merchant of Berlin, etc.

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erick the Great volumes before us show a very marked improvement in this respect. Henry VIII. also has been admirably Englished by Dr. H. N. Pierce. Of the translation of Joseph II. some small things might be said by way of criticism, but we pass them in deference to its general superiority. A translation is to be tested by the success with which the spirit of the original is preserved in the translation. To translate words is a simple task, but to re-embody the original work in its spirit in the translation is the work of genius. Madame Chaudron, to achieve this result, has dared to assume the responsibility of a free translation, and has succeeded. We can but consider it unfortunate that, in issuing a series of novels of this kind, the publishers should vacillate as they have done between the octavo and duodecimo form, which is highly exasperating to readers who care to preserve the complete set. The octavo novels would have gone very well into two volumes each of the pleasanter size adopted in most of the

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We have also received the Report of the Commissioners of Enquiry respecting a State Industrial School for Connecticut; Eighteent Annual Announcement of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania; Constitution and By-laws of the Washington Correspondents' Club.

Also, current issues of The National Quarterly Review, Harper's Magazine, The Galaxy, London Society (reprint)—New York; The Atlantic Monthly—Boston; Proceedings of the Essex Institute—Salem.

LITERARIANA.

ALREADY China and Japan are coming to be looked upon as intimate neighbors, if not quasi-outlying provinces, of California, and the opening of the mail-route vid San Francisco has been followed by a variety of international enterprises. San Francisco has had for some time its Chinese newspaper and printing-office, and another indication comes to us in the form of Asiatic guide-books and English-Chinese phrase-books which bear the imprint of California publishers upon pages of tea-box looking text, in as matter-of-fact a way as a New York house would acknowledge the same provision for travellers to and English-Chinese phrase-books which bear the imprint of California publishers upon pages of tea-box looking text, in as matter-of-fact a way as a New York house would acknowledge the same provision for travellers to France or Germany. The Chinese and Japanese, not content with showing themselves in the streets of even our eastern cities until we have almost become familiar with their appearance, are reciprocating in the matter of literature. From San Francisco are to come the writings of Confucius, from Yokohama an English-Japanese dictionary, and at Pekin and Jeddo the Bible and the Pilgrim's Progress are being offered to the Orientals, and their own authors write histories of America and memoirs of Washington. In newspaper enterprise Japan vies with California, and at Jeddo is published a newspaper designed to "post" its readers in foreign news; a recent issue of which sheet, the Bankok-Shin-Bun-Shi by name, appeared a conversation in London on the subject of the Panama inter-continental route. Even at Shanghai, where they light by gas and have learned photography, the Tantai (governor) has bought type, presses, and the other equipments of printing-offices, as they are among the outside barbarians, and the King of Siam has established an office under the charge of an English manager. At Jeddo, also, the government has established a school where the English, French, and Dutch languages are to be taught. It is, we presume, for this school that the order is made for 20,000 text-books from Messrs. Ivison, Phinney, Blakeman & Co., of New York. So far as Japan is concerned, all this is hardly surprising, but that a desire for progress should have taken root in China seems almost incomprehensible. It is, novertheless, a fact that Pekin is immediately to witness the establishment of a college for European lingual and scientific study. In a most extraordinary document, the Tsong-li-ya-men (Council of the School of Languages) represented the necessity to the Emperor, whom it so effectually impressed that the memoria sciences and arts in which it is deficient." Then they cite the example of Japan in sending officers abroad on tours of inspection, and draw inferences of the necessity of learning those mechanical arts of peace and war that shall keep China abreast of the most powerful nations. So China is to have colleges, Japan to buy books in New York, the cities of the Pacific coast of either continent to produce international newspapers, the Occident and the Orient to have a general interchange of literature. Perhaps it may not be long before eclectic weeklies shall cater for the literary demands of celestial readers in the United States, and The Chinese Mail and Flying Dragon undertake to demolish Dr. Holmes's theory that

"The little Mincio, dribbling to the Po.
Beats all the period.

The little Mincio, dribbling to the Po, Beats all the epics of the Hoang-Ho."

FROM The Jewish Messenger we learn that the prelimi-FROM The Jewish Messenger we learn that the preliminary measures have been taken for the establishment at Philadelphia, within this year, of a Hebrew college of high character. Besides the facilities of a Rabbinical Seminary, such as exist at Paris and Breslau, there will be an ordinary collegiate course, as well as a preparatory school. Among the specialties of the institution will be especial attention to the study of the Hebrew language and literature, of which all, without limitation to the creed affording these advantages, may avail themselves. The project is a large one, and highly to the honor of the Jews in America. Already endowments have been provided yielding eight resident scholarships of \$300 a year each, and of the pecuniary needs of the institution no apprehension, says our contemporary, need be entertained.

A SONG OF JUNE.
O sweet, rose-bearing June.
Thou daintiest month of all the varying year!
My heart of itself sings thee a happy tune,
When thou art here.

With softly-warbled song Trembles and throbs the sunny atmosphere; In music glide the unsulled streams along, When thou art here.

The humming of the bee, ad the grey locust's horn that shrills so clear, armonious blend, from flower and from tree, When thou art here.

The leaves of memory Renew themselves, that had grown thin and sere, And cast a pleasant shadow over me, When thou art here.

Blithe airs and whispered words, Long hushed, re-echo in my dreaming car, And thrill with new-born feeling the heart's chords, When thou art bere.

As in the past, I long, With rose-theeked maidens full of artless cheer, To roam and rest the woods' cool shades among, When thou art here;

The busy world forget, In scenes that make earth Paradise appear, Drinking oblivion of all noise and fret, When thou art here.

Ah, sweet it is to lie flowery slope, and, with a loved one near, ar the brooks babble and the foliage sigh, When thou art here!

A low, persuading voice Comes, francht with promise, to the soul most dear, Bidding us to be jocund and rejoice, When thou art here;

Bidding us to be gay, Hush the harsh murmur, dry the ungrateful tear, And pluck the flowers that line life's dusty way, When thou art here.

W. L. SHOEMAKER

MR. BRADFORD KINGMAN is a new contributor to the list of local histories whose increasing number we have had occasion of late to note as among the satisfactory features of our literature. Mr. Kingman has devoted many years of labor to the records of his native town, now collected in *The History of North Bridgewater* (Mass.), which in matters of narrative, statistics, biography, genealogy, illustrations, etc., is accepted by the community for which it is designed as a very satisfactory record of the town's history for a century and a quarter. The example is one which the local antiquarians, to be found in every town that can lay claim to antiquities. found in every town that can lay claim to antiquities, would do well to follow.

MISS LAURA M. ALCOTT, as we learn from the correspondence of *The Springfield Republican*, returned from abroad to discover that the MS. of her novel had been lost by the publishers to whom it was intrusted. A check was sent her by way of remuneration, but this can hardly afford consolation for the irrecoverable possibilities of fame.

DR. J. G. HOLLAND, who has at last finished Katrina. will lecture again during the winter, having already arranged for a series of fifteen lectures in the West, after which he purposes going abroad with his family for some years.

DR. M. B. ANDERSON, of Rochester, has declined the presidency of Brown University, which, as we have previously said, was tendered him some time since. We are not aware that any other nomination is as yet determined

MR. WILLIAM A. TOWNSEND-formerly of the pub MR. WILLIAM A. TOWNSEND—Tormerly of the pub-lishing firm of Stringer & Townsend, but of late years publishing under his own name—has associated with him Mr. Frank W. Adams, under the firm name of W. A. Townsend & Adams. In addition to Mr. Townsend's list of medical works, the new firm announce as in preparation a number of medical, surgical, and scientific works, as well as others on natural history, field sports, stock breeding, and similar branches, of which they intend to make a specialty.

MR. John Conroy Hutcheson—a young Englishman who has spent some little time in New York, which he has improved by contributing to different journals and periodicals—is about to publish in this country, through Messrs. Carleton & Co., a novel entitled The Pethyshams, which The Athenœum describes as "a pleasant and readable book, pure in its didactic tendencies, and showing marks both of fancy and of observation," adding that there is "a good deal of faithful drawing," and that "the people, on the whole, are just the sort of people one really meets."

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Mr. Swinburne seems to have inaugurated with his Atalanta in Calydon another renaissance of the Greek Drama. New editions and translations of the Greek Drama. New editions of Aristophanes's Acharnians and Knights. Mr. Maurice Purcell Fitzgerald has just translated into English verse the Crowned Hippolytus of Euripides. Finally, Mr. George Augustus Simcox—who has made himself known as a poet by dramatic sketches of great power published in The Cornhill Magazine—has addressed himself to the ambitious task of producing a Grecian tragedy, Prometheus Unbound. From the loss of Eschylus's play, the conclusion of his Prometheus Bound has always been a vexed problem among poets and critics. Goethe and Byron found it a favorite study. Shelley wrote a Prometheus Unbound which did not solve the ethical problems. Hartley Coleridge's work was left unfinished. The German critic, Schömann, had not poetical capacity for the task. Mr. Simcox, both poet and critic, now undertakes it, or, rather, did so in 1863-64, when it was written. His play is so crowded with initiate that we cannot give in full the abstract of the plot. It opens four hundred years after the Prometheus Bound, the thirty generations having come between lo and Heracles, Prometheus having been hurled into darkness, but re-bound to Caucasus. Heracles finds him, kills the vulture, learns from him the future of himself, Zeus, and the world; revisits him with a pardon obtained from Zeus, who has already pardoned the Titans at Thetis's intercession. The Titans, revengeful, when Heracles departs, seize and hurl toward Tartarus Prometheus and the Oceanides, who are met by Zeus, whom Prometheus to Peleus:

"Oh, vain enduring hope! deceivable, Unprofitable gift of prophecy!"

To run full sail upon the shoal, and know it,

cometheus to Peleus:

"Oh, vain enduring hope! deceivable,
Lipprofitable gift of prophecy!
To run full sail upon the shoal, and know it,
To plough the sand with bleeding feet, and know it,
To give myself for fleeting men, and know it,
For men that call Zeus father: this is knowledge.
And then revenge: Zeus to bow down to me,—
To bow, or fall, who would not choose to bow,—
To bow to-day, then trample evermore:
Since so they worship Nemesis in heaven.
Surely! have no help of what I know!
What help to hide a treasure in the hand,
To hold it fast against the thunderboit,
Thinking I famish now, but I shall feast,
And have it turned to ashes? I have nurst
The fruit of vengeance with the dews of pain,
Patiently sheltering it from stormy hours,
But shall not ent thereof. Consider it,
Look on us: we are gods, Alakides;

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And now four hundred years we suffer here, I, nailed on an uneasy upright bed, She, tossed upon a feverish surge of hope; And no deliverance comes, no piedge of rest."

She, tossed upon a feverish surge of hope;
And no deliverance comes, no pledge of rest."

Here is part of a chorus:

"Comfort him, mother mine:
Sorrow is far from thee,
Simpleness girdeth thy felicity,
A buckler against pain; and we
Pour to thee tears for wine,
Not queetioning why; who pour no prayer to Zeus
For his great majesty.
Since no prosperity of passing use,
Aye, and no haste of questioning,
Is mightier than plety,
Who leaves, she knows not why, both power and pride,
To flourish and go by,
Unseen of her who prays,
Walking with shadowy staff in viewless ways,
To those who seem neither to hear nor chide.
To-morrows make a murmuring,
And yesterdays, about her shrine
Full of the hidden glory of to-day,
Unchangeable, divine,
The inestimable prize,
Her portion hidden from her own pure eyes,
Till famine and the shadow flee away."

These are the words with which the Titans break

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"Mightily, with strength unbroken, drunken with new light of day We are come, and none shall scare us from our play; Come, to see the potter forsaken of the clay; Come, to see the wizard, whom a fool hath made a prey. Surely thou didst sell thyself for nought, And cast the bands of brotherhood away
For a deceiving thought,
That Zeus must needs repay
Thy treachery, and not by thy decay.
We have had rest in hell.
Pillowing our mighty limbs on one another,
And were content to dwell
Lapped in the ancient darkness of our mother.
Answer now, and make confession at the last that we were wise,
And that simple strength is mightier than lies:
Set the good and evil equally before thine eyes.
He is mitch and answereth not at all.
Behold, he think to flout us with double-tongued replies:
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And inwardly is nourished evermore
By brotherly accord,
In that abode of our captivity,
As round the starry board
Of Krono's patriarchal mnjesty."

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Pending the arrival of Prometheus Unbound in this country we refer our readers to the very full review of it in No. 2,067 of *The Athenæum*, upon which we have drawn for this description of what will doubtless prove one of the most notable poems of the day.

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A CORRESPONDENT of Notes and Queries, who has given some attention to Don Quixote and his name, writes thus: "I have long wondered what could have suggested the name of his immortal hero to Cervantes. Quesada, one of the Don's attributed surnames, is common in Spain. Queso is cheese in Spanish. Quijada, or Quixada, is also a common Spanish name, meaning a jaw. Ford makes it mean lantern jawed—no doubt appropriate, but not correct. Quijote or Quixote is armor for the thigh or cuisse; the French cuissart, not cuissot (which means the haunch), as the clever writer in this month's Cornhill, in a sparkling article entitled Don Quixote's Country, says in a note. Don Thigh-piece is, then, the Don's real name."

STILL another new London journalistic venture is a weekly penny organ of actors and artists, entitled Sock and Buskin. The pupils at Winchester college have commenced a weekly publication, half review, half newspaper, which they name The Wykchamist, after the famous William of Wykeham, the founder of their college. college.

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Mr. Joseph Parkes—as was stated some months since by Mr. Thurlow Weed in an article in The Times, which we epitomized at the time—spent the last years of his life in assiduous efforts at the solution of the Junius mystery. He possessed himself of many letters and original papers of Sir Philip Francis and members of his family; of MSS. memorials and reminiscences of him left by Lady Francis; of documents formerly in the possession of Henry Sampson Woodfall, the publisher of The Public, Advertiser, in which the Junius letters appeared; and a miscellaneous MSS. collection gathered from the remains of people who had been in various ways associated with Francis—the whole constituting what seemed to Mr. Weed, to whom Mr. Parkes explained them, irrefragable evidence of the identity of Junius and Francis. At Mr. Parkes's death, however, but eight chapters of the book were completed, bringing his life of Francis to the year 1768, the date of the publication of the first letter. On the scale on which he was writing the book would have filled several volumes and have been a valuable history of the private life of English public men throughout the reign of George III. Mr. Herman Merivale, to whom the materials were intrusted, unfortunately found it impossible to possess himself of the clue to Mr. Parkes's design, and has therefore continued the work on a reduced plan, confining it chiefly to Francis and Junius, and bringing the whole within the compass of two volumes, which are shortly to be published.

Mr. Francis Henry Stratmann has issued the fifth part of his Dictionary of the Francis.

MR. FRANCIS HENRY STRATMANN has issued the fifth part of his Dictionary of the English Language of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Centuries, a valuable philological work described as little known in England and almost unheard of here. The new part extends iand and almost unheard of here. The new part extends from monscipe (dignity, honor) to schade (shadow). No such careful collection of early words and completeness of inflections have ever been made by English scholars; beside which the work fills the gap between Bosworth's Anglo-Saxon and Richardson's English dictionaries, and treats of the transition period, 1200–1500, in which our language in a great measure was formed.

ROBERT SULLIVAN, LL.D., has conferred a boon on people who are bothered about diversities of spelling in the form of a little book entitled Words Spelled in two or more Ways by different Authors, in which he endeavors to determine the proper forms. Who is there that never hesitates over e and i, e. g., despatch or dispatch? enquire or inquire? Who is not sometimes out of patience with the majority that write judgment, abridgment, and analogous words in a manner that cannot be made to give their proper sound. Banns (of marriage), it appears, this author would spell like ban (a curse), which to our eye is almost as horrible as the program and other eccentricities of The Springfield Republican. It is always impossible to agree thoroughly with any of these philo. ROBERT SULLIVAN, LL.D., has conferred a boon on

logical people, nevertheless the branch of investigation systematically opened by this work is one on which discussion is desirable.

MESSRS, ALLAN J. CROSBY and JOHN BRUCE have ed-MESSRS, ALLAN J. CROSEY and JOHN BRUCE have edited for the Camden Society the Accounts and Papers relating to Mary, Queen of Scots. Other publications which the same society is about issuing to its subscribers are Dr. John Bargrave's Notes on Pope Alexander VII. and the College of Cardinals, and a photo-lithographic facsimile of History from Marble, "being ancient and modern funerall monuments in England and Wales, by Thomas Dineley, Gent."

MR. WILLIAM GILBERT, the author of De Profundis and other successful novels, has in the June number of The People's Magazine the opening chapters of a new tale entitled Up and Down the Ladder.

MR. EDMUND YATES will soon commence a new serial in Temple Bar.

MR. ANTHONY TROLLOPE has in press A Book of Stories, which, however, we infer is merely a collection of his minor magazine contributions.

THE REV. JOHN BOWDEN, late British consular chaplain at Christiana, is about to publish Norway: its People, Products, and Institutions.

Prof. Dixon has issued the fourth, being the concluding, volume of his translation of Dr. Mommsen's History of Rome.

Mr. M. D. Conway contributes a paper on American Prospects to the Fortnightly Review for June.

CHARLES D. CLEVELAND, LL.D., has supplied what has long been felt to be a great desideratum by publishing a concordance to the whole of Milton's poetical works, including some 20,000 references.

Mr. Robert Buchanan is about to publish a new volume, North Coast Poems.

Among new English novels are Mr. T. A. Trollope's Artingale Castle and Sidney Whiting's Romance of a Garrett (sic).

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